

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
June 23, 2020
MOTION SUMMARY

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairwoman Brewster called the virtual meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Virtually Present: Stan Eddy, Tom Glissman, Dave Carey, Tom Wolber (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Becki Wood-Meek, Vice-Chairwoman Susan Wright. Chairwoman Shannon Brewster

Members Absent: Melissa Bargar and Grace Martin

Council Virtually Present: Drew Farrell, City Council Liaison

Staff Virtually Present: Ted Miller, Parks and Natural Resource Director

Motion to Excuse: Mr. Carey moved to excuse Ms. Bargar, Mr. Wolber and Ms. Martin, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Wright. Motion approved with an 6-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MOTION SUMMARY of Shade Tree Commission meeting of February 25, 2020 as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Ms. Wood-Meek moved to approve the Motion Summary for the February 25, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Eddy. Motion approved with an 6-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sherri and George Petkus
Via Cisco Webex
278 Lofton Circle

Mr. and Mrs. Petkus requested that their street tree be removed due to root damage to sidewalk and possibly downspout damage. They explained that the sidewalk had already been replaced due to the roots and were worried that if someone got injured due to the uneven sidewalks they would be held liable. Mr. Miller discussed that the tree is healthy and that the City does not recommend removing street trees unless it is a safety hazard, invasive or diseased. Photos of the tree and sidewalk area were presented to the Commission. Mr. Farrell to help follow up with staff regarding the concerns. Mr. Miller discussed potential root barriers while replacing the sidewalk to minimize root damage issues.

ITEM 4. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Miller discussed that due to the COVID-19 emergency the replacement arborist position had been postponed. He discussed that there is a need for this position for pruning and that the City is utilizing contractors and park staff to work on the backlog of pruning needs.

ITEM 5. MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice-Chairwoman Wright discussed the status of the annual Shade Tree Commission report for City Council. Mr. Wolber to provide a draft to the Commission. The Commission requested information regarding the status of the volcano mulch flyer. The Clerk informed the Commission that the flyer was placed on the City's social media sites. The Clerk will provide a copy to the Commissioners via email. Also discussed was the status of the seedlings. Mr. Carey informed the Commission that there was a 90% mortality rate due to the seedlings remaining in plastic bags and those that survived will be coordinated with Caroline Cicerchi to plant. The Commission discussed the canceled Arbor Day tree planting related to COVID-19. Mr. Miller informed them that the plan was to reschedule the planting with the school district once school resumes.

ITEM 6. PLAN REVIEWS


- A. Coughlin Crossing Sheetz – approved with recommended changes to relocate due to sight issues the ginkgo biloba tree and homestead elm along Penny Lane Drive and replace skyline honey locust with imperial honey locust.
- B. Coughlin Crossing Sub Area 5 – approved as submitted
- C. Coughlin Crossing Sub Area 6 – approved as submitted
- D. Delaware Health District – approved with recommended changes from skyline honey locust to imperial honey locust

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Wood-Meek moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Carey. The Shade Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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 Clerk