

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
April 25, 2017
MOTION SUMMARY

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairman Olen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Buck, Dave Carey, Tom Glissman, Marisa Sulek, Tom Wolber, Becki Wood-Meek, Vice-Chairwoman Susan Wright, and Chairman Paul Olen

Members Absent: Shannon Brewster

Staff Present: Linda Mathews (Customer Service Liaison), Doug Richmond (City Arborist), Ted Miller (Parks and Natural Resource Director)

Motion to Excuse: Chairman Olen moved to excuse Ms. Brewster, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Wright. Motion approved with an 8-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MOTION SUMMARY of Shade Tree Commission meeting of March 28, 2017 as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Wright moved to approve the Motion Summary for the March 28, 2017 meeting, seconded by Mr. Buck. Motion approved with an 8-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION of Community Outreach Programs

A. Arbor Day/Healthy Kids Day

Vice-Chairwoman Wright provided a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the events. A discussion was held regarding the schedule of events and tree planting ceremony.

B. First Friday

A discussion was held on activities for the May 5, 2017 First Friday Main Street Delaware event, and passing out tree saplings and information during the event. Vice-Chairwoman Wright reviewed the schedule for participants.

C. NOW Festival

Chairman Olen requested that this discussion be continued at the May 23, 2017 Shade Tree Commission meeting.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION of Shade Tree Commission Composition

A discussion was held regarding the non-voting member of the board.

ITEM 6. ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. Richmond reviewed the Arborist Report and the removal of four trees by a contractor. Mr. Richmond updated the Commission on tree pruning status and the tree back log. A discussion was held regarding volcano mulching.

ITEM 7. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Miller reviewed the recent Tree City U.S.A. event and provided examples of signage to show the monetary economical value of a tree.

ITEM 8. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Glissman informed staff that approximately three spruce trees were removed at the Columbia Gas site along Pittsburgh Drive.

Mr. Glissman discussed the potential to look at trees to be planted in different areas throughout the city that attract honey bees.

Mr. Wolber provided an update on the annual report that was present to City Council at the April 24, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Wolber informed the Commission that Mayor Riggle suggested the planting of Cherry Tree's in the downtown area in honor of the Sister City relationship with Sakata, Japan.

Mr. Wolber discussed the developer's obligation to maintain landscape plans and discussed the balance between ecological conservation and economic development.

Vice-Chairwoman Wright discussed the possibility of having a future meeting at an on-site location to tour the greenhouse.

ITEM 9. PLAN REVIEWS

A. Coughlin Crossing Tree Replacement Plan - approved as submitted

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Chairman Olen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Wolber.
The Shade Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Paul M. Olen 5.23.17
Chairman Olen

James M. Clarke
Clerk