

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
September 26, 2017
MOTION SUMMARY

ITEM 1. Roll Call

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

Members Present: Gracie Schafer, Tom Wolber, Becki Wood-Meek, Vice-Chairwoman Susan Wright, and Chairman Paul Olen

Members Absent: Shannon Brewster, Jim Buck, Dave Carey and Tom Glissman

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

Motion to Excuse: Mr. Wolber moved to excuse Ms. Brewster, Mr. Buck, Mr. Carey and Mr. Glissman, seconded by Chairman Olen. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MOTION SUMMARY of Shade Tree Commission meeting of July 25, 2017 as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Wright moved to approve the Motion Summary for the July 25, 2017 meeting, seconded by Ms. Wood-Meek. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION of Chapter 1168 Tree Preservation Regulations of the Planning and Zoning Code

The Commission held a discussion regarding the definition of reasonable development as written in 1168.01. Vice-Chairwoman Wright expressed the need for City Council to make this definition. Mr. Wolber recommended using a definition from MORPC. Mr. Miller to provide additional comments from staff for the next scheduled Shade Tree Commission meeting.

Vice-Chairwoman Wright discussed the need to change the wording of city trees to Urban Forest.

A discussion was held regarding the fee schedule. Mr. Richmond recommended to the Commission to keep the \$100 per caliper inch.

Motion: Mr. Wolber moved that the Shade Tree Commission recommends to City Council that the replacement fee remains at \$100 per caliper inch, seconded by Chairman Olen. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 5. ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. Richmond reviewed the arborist report and discussed the trees that were removed for August and September 2017. Mr. Richmond informed the Commission that 82 street trees were pruned for street, sidewalk, and signage clearance. Mr. Richmond reviewed potential situations in which a tree may be deemed hazardous and need to be removed.

ITEM 6. STAFF COMMENTS

ITEM 7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Wolber provided to the Commission for their review the article, "Scientists: Ash tree species pushed near extinction", by the *Delaware Gazette*.

Mr. Wolber voiced concerns regarding bagworms that have been observed throughout conifer trees along Houk Rd. Mr. Richmond discussed treatment options that can occur in the spring or for residents to remove by hand.

ITEM 8. PLAN REVIEWS

- A. Communities at Glenross-Section 12 – approved with species suggestions provided by Arborist in keeping with previous area tree selections
- B. Midway Structural (revised) – suggestion to not use any Aristocrat Pears, but to plant Silver Lindens along the road and Tree Lilacs along the drive into the facility
- C. Delaware Fire Station #304 – approved with the request to remove two Pin Oaks and replace with Shumard Oak or White Swamp Oak

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Chairman Olen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Wright. The Shade Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Chairman Olen



Clerk