



ALTOONA SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Minutes of November 16, 2016

In attendance: Ted Newkirk, Kathleen Heller, Nancy Fellabaum, Jeff Arpino, *Shade Tree Commission*; Lee Slusser, Marilyn Morgan, *staff*.

Kathleen announced her resignation from the Commission and stated that “it has been her pleasure” to volunteer on the Shade Tree Commission. The Commission members and staff echoed that sentiment, thanked her for her work, and wished her all the best in her new location.

Ted Newkirk, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

- 1 Review and approval of September 16, 2016 meeting minutes, motion by Kathleen, seconded by Jeff.
- 2 Public Comment: There was no public comment.
- 3 Treasurer’s Report: Kathleen motioned to approve the September and October financial reports, seconded by Ted.
- 4 Spring 2017 requests were discussed and voted upon.

2724 24th Ave - Planting of two trees, flowering dogwood and tree lilac – Voted approval

1719 2nd Ave - Removal of dead tree on 18th St side – Voted approval
207 Browning - Removal of dead tree on City property – Voted approval

1716 1st Ave - Trimming of one tree on 18th St side – Voted approval
201 E Crawford Ave - Trimming of three trees on S Lloyd St side – Voted approval
1719 1st Ave - Trimming of three 17th St trees, protected corridor – Voted approval
2424 6th Ave - Trimming of 6th Ave tree, protected corridor – Voted approval
1100 & 1200 blocks, 14th Ave* - Trimming of 19 trees, protected corridor – Voted approval
206-08 8th St - Trimming of one tree, protected corridor – Voted approval
703 2nd Ave - Trimming of one tree on 7th Street, protected corridor – Voted approval
401, 403 Logan Blvd Trimming of three trees, protected corridor – Voted approval
322-24 E Walton - Trimming one tree, protected corridor – Voted approval

1834 Hudson Ave - The Commission voted to allow PennDOT to remove 14 trees to install a sidewalk, replacing and reusing monuments along 17th Street.

The following requests were denied:

2814 Ivyside - Voted not to remove the tree as it appeared healthy, if large.
106 N 7th Ave - Voted not to remove the tree as it appeared healthy and owner claimed no financial inability to trim or remove.
543 21st Ave - Voted not to remove using Commission funds (owner may remove).
844-49 29th St - Voted not to remove using Commission funds (owner may remove).
901 N 2nd St Voted not to remove a large tree with significant dieback – until/unless the owner contacts STC with request.

The following requests were tabled:

2704 Beale Ave - Voted to table request until tree (protected corridor) can be examined by a licensed arborist.

Ted Newkirk, Chairman
Kathleen Heller, Secretary
Paula Over, Treasurer
Nancy Fellabaum
Jeff Arpino



813 Park Blvd - One tree removal in an opened right-of-way—Tabled until identification.

2801 Union - *Tuckahoe Park* – originally, a large dead oak tree was to be removed and replaced with flowering dogwood and a second dead tree was to be removed, not replaced.

Discussion occurred at a prior meeting among the Commission, bidder Henry Enterprises, and the Department Director. Because unknown persons marked a tree - not requested by the Commission - current bidder Henry Enterprises did not know which two trees were to be removed, although the Public Works map appeared accurate. The matter was resolved when it was decided that both ‘disputed’ trees will be left out of the project.

The project votes were approved unanimously, motion Nancy, seconded by Paula.

Other Business: There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Paula, seconded by Kathleen, all in favor.

Secretary, Shade Tree Commission

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