

City of New Castle Tree Commission Meeting  
November 5, 2012, 5:30 p.m.  
City of New Castle Town Hall

Members Present: John Lloyd, Chairperson  
Erv Thatcher  
Nancy Coning  
Susan Keyser  
Chip Patterson

Members Absent: Mark Miller  
Fran Peden  
Tom Truman

Also Present: Pam Patone

Mr. Lloyd convened the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Requisitions totaling \$17,170 have been submitted to City Council for approval. Mr. Lloyd has been invited to next week's (11/13/12) City Council meeting to discuss the requisitions. Ms. Keyser would like to see the Tree Commission prioritize work and break up work to be done by Tree, Inc. Routine work like removal of dead wood and trimming limbs away from homes will continue, but Ms. Keyser expressed concern with the amount and types of other work being performed in the City. Mr. Thatcher indicated some of the work is a result of not trimming trees when they are young. There was brief discussion about the current tree service and what procedure the City might want to use going forward. Having a tree service in place to handle tree-related work is favored by Messrs. Lloyd and Patterson over bidding each job.

New Business

Mr. Lloyd reported on a silver maple tree in poor condition at 12<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets and a Bradford pear tree in VanDyke Village. He recommended removal of both trees.

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to remove the silver maple tree at 12<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets and the Bradford pear tree at 130 Casimir Drive, VanDyke Village. The motion was seconded and approved.

Member's Report

Mr. Thatcher reported several trees were lost along the walkway as a result of last week's storm. A tree on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and South Streets lost a couple of limbs during the storm and is on the list for removal this week. This tree was discussed in a previous meeting and conversation revisited whether the homeowner would bear the cost of removing the tree which is a City tree. It is considered a hazardous tree at this point.

Mr. Patterson inquired about the status of tree work on the dikes. Mr. Thatcher replied that nothing had been done to date. He gave an situation update on all the dikes.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Lloyd announced that he would be stepping down as chairman of the Tree Commission after tonight's meeting. Mr. Patterson will be submitting his resignation in the near future. He will speak with City Council about filling the three appointments currently outstanding. (*Discussion followed.*)

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Adjournment

There being no more business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

***Debbie***

Debbie Turner  
Stenographer