

City of New Castle Tree Commission Meeting
February 4, 2013 -- 5:30 p.m.
City of New Castle Town Hall

Members Present: John Lloyd
Nancy Coning
Pam Patone
Erv Thatcher
Tom Truman

Members Absent: Susan Keyser
Mark Miller
Fran Peden

Mr. Lloyd convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 2013 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

New Business

The homeowner of 110 Delaware Street appeared to request removal of two (2) Zelcovia trees on his property. One has been damaged by delivery trucks and is on the tree removal list. He would like to replace both trees with more favorable street trees, such as a variety of hornbeam. This species would be more in scale with the house. The homeowner offered to pay for the replacement trees. He plans to repave the sidewalk with period pavers once the trees are removed.

His neighbor at 102 Delaware Street is requesting removal of a Bradford pear tree and replace with another species tree to be determined.

A motion was made by Mr. Lloyd to remove the two (2) Zelcovia trees in front of 110 Delaware Street and the Bradford pear tree at 102 Delaware Street and allow the property owners to plant replacement trees (in accordance with the list of approved trees). Mr. Truman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Note: The property owners will pay for the replacement trees.

Commissioner's Comments

Mr. Truman – There are a number of small trees on Second Street, between Harmony and Chestnuts Streets, that have low branches hanging over the street. He requested approval, and received same, to personally trim the smaller branches.

Ms. Patone – Inquired about educational courses/seminars/resource materials to help her make informed decisions as a new member of the Tree Commission. She specifically referenced the Penn-Del Shade Tree Symposium later in February. Mr. Lloyd will share information (books, pamphlets, documents) he has with her.

Mr. Lloyd – The homeowner of 1 Jacquette Square is requesting removal of five (5) Chinese elm trees that are leaning towards his property. The trees are in the right of way but the

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Tree Commission is responsible for them. Commissioners will look at the trees and revisit the problem at the March meeting.

Pruning and removal lists for December 2012 and January 2013 and the pruning list for December 2012 were raised. Requisitions need to be submitted to the City.

Mr. Lloyd made a motion to proceed with pruning and removal lists for December 2012 and January 2013 and the pruning list for December 2012. Ms. Coning seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Coning – Inquired about replacing Commissioners who are not attending meetings. Mr. Lloyd has made City Council aware of the situation. *(Brief discussion followed.)*

Ms. Coning motioned to notify (by letter) those Commissioners who have not attended meetings for a lengthy period of time to determine their intentions and request their attendance or resignation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truman. The motion was approved.

Adjournment

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

Debbie Turner
Stenographer

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