

MINUTES  
City of New Castle Tree Advisory Commission  
June 3, 2019 – 4 p.m.  
New Castle Town Hall

Members Present: David Robinson, Chairman  
Tom Maddux  
John Lloyd  
John Antonio

Members Absent: Marco Boyce

Mr. Robinson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call followed and a quorum was declared.

**A Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2019, meeting as presented was made, seconded and unanimously approved.**

**New Applications**

**File #2019-06 – Norway Maple Tree at 511 Delaware Street**

Mr. Robert Tattershal explained that the Norway Maple tree in the front of his house is failing and dropping limbs. Mr. Robinson stated that the Commission is aware of the subject tree and it is on the list of trees to be removed. Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Tattershal what species of tree he would like to replace the Norway Maple, and Mr. Tattershal advised that they would rather not have the tree replaced. Mr. Robinson stated there is no requirement to have a removed tree replaced. During discussion Mr. Robinson explained the tree would be removed and the stump ground out; however, repair of the bricks would be Mr. Tattershal's responsibility. Mr. Robinson explained that the Tree Advisory Commission would recommend removal of the tree to the City Administrator and the work would be scheduled by the City office as time, workload and funding is available. Mr. Lloyd added that one-half of the tree is hazardous. Mr. Robinson also noted that the homeowners will be notified when the tree would be removed, and added that it would not be necessary for them to be at home when the work is done.

**A Motion to approve the removal of the Norway Maple tree at 511 Delaware Street was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.**

**File 2019-04 – Sycamore Tree at 6<sup>th</sup> & Delaware Streets**

Mr. Robinson noted that the resident is concerned that the tree is leaning over the street and wires. During discussion, Mr. Lloyd suggested that the Commission make a recommendation that DP&L be contacted to have them remove the tree.

**A Motion to have the Sycamore tree on 6<sup>th</sup> Street at 6<sup>th</sup> & Delaware Streets be removed was made, seconded and unanimously approved.**

**File 2019-05 – Cherry Tree at 47 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

Ms. Susan Campbell submitted an Application to have a Cherry tree at 47 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street inspected, noting the back branches are dead. During discussion Mr. Lloyd noted that with the exception of the Ginkgo Trees, all the trees on both sides of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Williams and Foundry Streets should be removed and replaced. It was suggested that the Commission make a recommendation to the City to have those trees removed.

Mr. Maddux suggested that the Commission submit a Plan for 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the City. Mr. Robinson noted that the cost to purchase and plant a new tree is approximately \$400. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Robinson and Mr. Lloyd will inspect 4<sup>th</sup> Street and prepare a preliminary Plan.

**A Motion to remove the Cherry tree at 47 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street was made, seconded and unanimously approved.**

**File # 2019-07 –Red Maple Tree at 119 Harmony Street**

Mr. Marco Boyce submitted an Application to have a Red Maple tree at 119 Harmony Street that is located on the sewer lateral causing sewer backups removed. Mr. Robinson noted that the tree has been removed.

**A Motion to approve removal of the Red Maple tree at 119 Harmony Street was made, seconded and unanimously approved.**

**Miscellaneous**

Mr. Robinson will compile a list of trees that should be removed to submit to the City Administrator.

**4<sup>th</sup> & Delaware Streets**

Mr. Lloyd advised that there is a Red Maple tree adjacent to the Amstel House that was completely healthy last year is now dead. The tree was inspected and one suggested cause was environmental weather stress due to the weather over the winter. Mr. Lloyd also noted that the Amstel House staff advised they had put vinegar on the sidewalks, which is a non-selective herbicide that can be toxic to trees depending on the acid strength. He added that there is also a large 50-60 year old Linden tree around the corner at 10 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street that is half dead and speculated that the same circumstance may have contributed to its condition.

Mr. Lloyd noted that due to their condition, the Red Maple tree, the Linden tree and the Norway Maple tree (519 Delaware Street) should all come down in the next week. During discussion it was suggested that Mr. Robinson discuss the potential liability to the City from injury due to failing trees with the City Administrator.

**The Garrison**

The Commissioners held a discussion of the trees in front of The Garrison and Mr. Robinson noted that some small shrubs have been planted where the parking lot is proposed. It was also noted that the Tree Advisory Commission should be included in formulating the plans for any major project; however, that was not done when the Plans for The Garrison were made.

**There being no further business, a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 pm was made, seconded and unanimously approved.**

Kathy Weirich  
Stenographer