

MINUTES  
City of New Castle Tree Advisory Commission  
October 7, 2019 – 4 p.m.  
New Castle Town Hall

Members Present: Tom Maddux  
John Lloyd  
John Antonio, Vice Chairman

Members Absent: Marco Boyce

As Vice Chairman, Mr. Antonio called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call followed and a quorum was declared.

**Minutes**

As the Minutes from the July 1, 2019, meeting were not available for review, approval of the Minutes was deferred to the November meeting.

**New Applications**

**2019-13 – 727 Clayton Street – Daniel R. Plumley, Sr.**

An Application was filed to have a White Pine at the end of the street pruned due to breaking branches. Mr. Maddux advised he inspected the tree and no potential breaking branches were evident. He added there appeared to be sufficient parking available in areas other than under the tree, and did not recommend removal of the tree. Mr. Lloyd concurred there is sufficient parking on both sides of the street. He added that a few select long limbs could be removed on the street side of the tree; however he did not recommend removal. Mr. Lloyd also noted that stubbed off limb removal should be corrected and taken back to the trunk. He added that the City advised they can do the work.

Mr. Lloyd also stated the City agreed to do the work at 10 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street to remove a dying tree; however Mr. O’Neal advised it is too large for the City to handle and they are waiting for a contractor. He added that Mr. Russ Carlson recommended that “I suggest scheduling to take down as soon as arrangements can be made to reduce the risk of falling limbs. Decay of the dead branches and limbs will soon result in falling parts with a high probability of property damage and personal injury.”

**A Motion to have several select large limbs removed and stubbed off limbs taken back to the trunk on the White Pine Tree at 727 Clayton Street was made, seconded and unanimously approved.**

**2019-14 – 315 Harmony Street – Stephen Franklin**

An Application was filed to have an overhanging branch trimmed back at 315 Harmony Street. Mr. Lloyd stated that any tree interfering with a structure should be pruned.

**A Motion to allow pruning of an overhanging branch at 315 Harmony Street was made, seconded and unanimously approved.**

**2019-15 – 11 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Carolyn Travers**

An Application was filed to have a Sycamore Tree with overhanging branches and branches tangled in wires and growing through an evergreen tree trimmed back. .

**A Motion to have limbs trimmed back on a large Sycamore Tree at 11 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street was made and seconded.**

During discussion, it was agreed that interference with wires and the surrounding tree should be evaluated and if pruning is appropriate, it should be done; however if the overhanging limb is interfering with the house it should be trimmed back.

The Motion was revised to read: **A Motion to have overhanging limbs of a Sycamore Tree at 11 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street trimmed back, and to have the tree evaluated for interference with wires and surrounding trees was made and seconded. On vote, the Motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **Miscellaneous**

##### 35 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Lloyd noted that Ms. LaBadia contacted the City regarding her request to have a tree removed and a new tree planted at her address, and asked if she could choose the replacement tree. As Mr. Lloyd did not recall discussion of removing a tree at 35 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, he recommended Ms. LaBadia be contacted and advised that if removal of the tree is approved, she would be able to choose a replacement tree from the list of approved trees. He added that Mr. Barthel be apprised of Ms. LaBadia's email with the request that he contact her.

##### Election of Chair

With the resignation of Mr. Robinson as Chairman of the Tree Advisory Commission, the position of Chairman is open. Mr. Antonio was nominated for the position of Chairman. There being no additional nominations from the Commissioners, a vote was called to elect the Chairman.

**A Motion to elect John Antonio as Chairman of the Tree Advisory Commission was made and seconded. On vote the Motion was approved unanimously.**

There being no further business, Mr. Antonio called for a Motion to adjourn the meeting.

**A Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 pm was made, seconded and unanimously approved.**

Kathy Weirich  
Stenographer