

Wilmington Tree Commission
Minutes from September 12, 2017
(September 25, 2017)

Commission Chair Stan Kozicki called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Commissioners in attendance: Jason Gaskill, Stan Kozicki, Vikram Krishnamurthy, Adele Meehan

Others in attendance: Sam Seo, DCH

Old business:

- Table display for Tree Commission and Stakeholder survey: topics were deferred due to absence of Herb White for follow-up since last meeting.
- Bancroft Parkway tree work/plans
 - Sam Seo (DCH) updated the commission on completion of community transportation funded pruning project. Project focused on northern end of parkway, did not address needs at southern end.
 - Adele Meehan is coordinating the details and revisiting previous surveys/assessments of parkway trees in Union Park Gardens, completed in the past by both DCH and City of Wilmington.
 - Jason Gaskill noted the new treatment option of “Phosphite 30” for consideration.
- Meeting dates: new quarterly schedule places next meeting on date of December 12, 2017, unless otherwise needed (motion by JG, seconded by AM, all in favor).

New business:

- Commissioners reviewed agenda item from Herb White concerning nomination request from Mayor Purzycki; unclear based on open commissioner seat being the appointment by city council.
 - Vik suggested that Tim Crawl-Bey would be a potential nominee from Northeast Wilmington, as Tim is part of the Northeast Blueprint Community group, familiar with tree issues and supportive of urban greening in his own nonprofit/affordable housing work. The commission agreed that Vik should contact Tim to gauge interest.
- Update on tree work/summer priorities/accomplishments (Adele Meehan) – deferred due to absence of Herb White
- Coordination of city tree request process – commission requested that Vik draft a proposal/outline for how to coordinate city tree requests (individuals and neighborhoods vs. comprehensive/capital projects).
- Stan raised the issue of posted permits and inquiries, signage on street trees scheduled for tree work, and will follow-up with Herb White to ensure consistency.
- The group discussed outreach needs including civic groups and Neighborhood Planning Council as initial tree commission targets for outreach. Adele suggested the commissioners reach out to council members that form the Public Works committee.
- Other updates: Sam informed the commission on potential tree work in the area of Sellers Park/North Market St.

Jason Gaskill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Adele Meehan, all in favor. Stan Kozicki adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 13th, 2017 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. unless issues arise that require a prior meeting. Draft minutes completed by V. Krishnamurthy, commission secretary.