

# **Lambertville Shade Tree Commission**

May 28, 2013

7:30pm Justice Center

Meeting minutes for open meeting

1. Statement of Compliance
2. Roll Call: Dr. Legere, Susan Wydick, Irene Rudolf, Deborah Galen and Emily Goldman were present for a Quorum
3. City is applying for a grant to obtain 2 GPS units for use in Street tree inventory. These units would be needed to use with a free computer program called "I tree street", available from the State Forestry Service.
4. 70 Bridge Street- Carolyn Carmody and Carl Kneidinger were present to request advice concerning the large healthy Pin Oak at their house. The tree roots have lifted the slate sidewalk resulting in a tripping accident and lawsuit against the City and the owners. Susan will meet with Mitch Ege at the site to look at the roots and consider options.
5. Financial would not go through ???
6. Large Pine tree behind City Hall is dead or dying and needs to be looked at. Susan to do this.
7. Delavan at N. Union Streets-owner wants to remove 2 trees on N. Union. He claims the trees cause the sidewalk to slope towards the house and causes water in his basement. This may be due to ground water and not trees, but LSTC will look at the site.
8. North Union Street-City got a grant from NJDOT to rebuild next section.
9. 112 N. Union- Sugar Maple was removed without permit. The tree has not been replaced and the stump is still there.
10. 137 N. Union-Irene checked to see if the stump was present, but Gene Dennison has not removed it as requested.
11. LSTC can only say if a tree has been cut, but has no authority over removal of stumps according to Art. Public Works has that authority as part of Street ROW.
12. Art presented the idea of delaying LSTC decision to allow removal of trees. Applicants should sign an agreement to replace remove trees.
13. Wells Fargo parking lot replacement trees. Susan to contact bank representative concerning list of trees to replace the dead and dying trees that were removed.
14. Shade Tree Management Plan needs to be finalized with requested revisions. Susan to do this.
15. N. Main Street at Delevan complaint of raised sidewalk. This was not caused by a tree.

16. George @ Jefferson Streets- look at situation where sidewalk was relocated to accommodate a large tree.
17. Adjourned- next meeting will be held Tuesday June 25, 2013 in the Justice Center building at 7:30 PM.