

Lambertville Shade Tree Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting
August 11, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:33. Present were Art Legere, Susan Wydick, Irene Rudolph and Deborah Galen. Art chaired in Emily Goldman's absence.
Minutes of the July meeting were approved as written.

Old Business:

- A. Present was Joseph Hilton regarding his request for the City to remove a tree and replace it at his property at 28 Buttonwood which he feels should have occurred when the street was repaved. The request goes back to Dec. 2015. The Commission had advised him that this was out of the jurisdiction of the Shade Tree Commission and told him to contact the City attorney. Mr. Hilton advised that he had not heard from the attorney. He was told to call again.
- B. We still do not have a list of approved street trees. It was agreed that we need to select a variety of trees. They need to be non-invasive. We do not want a mono-culture. We need diversity as protection against a disease or pest that could wipe out a single variety.

New Business:

- A. Present was Andrew Phelan regarding his Tree Action Request to trim the street tree in front of his house at 264 N. Union St. His request was approved unanimously.
- B. It was determined that Deborah should send a letter to Jim Amon, 92 Union St. advising that the street tree in front of his property needs trimming.
- C. We reviewed a request from Dianne Haley, 48 Elm St. to have the street tree in front of her property trimmed. Approval was voted for conditional to her advising us who the contractor was who would do the work.
- D. We briefly discussed the Tree Action Request Form: putting a link on The Shade Tree site where the homeowner can find the form. We also agreed that we should revise the Tree Action Request form to include information about the species and precise location of the tree in question, perhaps including a drawing of the property showing the location of the tree.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Irene Rudolph

