

Lambertville Shade Tree Commission

June 25, 2013

7:30pm Justice Center

Meeting minutes for open meeting

1. Statement of Compliance
2. Roll Call: Dr. Legere, Susan Wydick, Irene Rudolf, and Emily Goldman were present for a Quorum
3. Minutes had not been completed.
4. Old Business
 - a. 137 N. Union Street-Gene Dennison removed overgrown Locust but the stump is still there. According to the current ordinance, LSTC has no jurisdiction over stumps. In the revised ordinance, the application form should include the requirement to remove stumps of cut trees.
 - b. 110-112 N. Union Street @ Jefferson St.-Robert Wilhelm removed a tree without approval. Since the tree was “diseased”, LSTC will take no action.
 - c. 72 Delaware Avenue-Bill Taylor. A large American Holly tree has been cut for no apparent reason. However, since the tree was not on the ROW, LSTC has no jurisdiction.
 - d. 22 Delavan Street-Joe Caprio wants to remove a badly formed Sycamore located on N. Union. Since North Union Street is going to be repaved with new sidewalks, the tree can be replaced as part of that work.
 - e. 70 Bridge Street-Carl Kneidinger’s Pin Oak had raised sidewalk, which resulted in a lawsuit.

Susan looked at the roots as Mitch Ege’s crew lifted the slate walk. There did not appear to be a way to level the sidewalk without removing the large tree root and endangering the stability of the tree. LSTC reluctantly gave approval for the removal with the understanding that a replacement tree would be planted within one year.
 - f. 24 S. Franklin Street-tree removal was approved since the tree was dead.
 - g. City Hall parking lot White Pine-the tree is mostly dead and could become hazardous. Susan had informed Cindy Ege, that it should be removed. It will have to be determined which property the tree is on.
 - h. Application form / process- is a revision to the City Ordinance and requires council approval.

Art suggested a new application form that will indicate final approval of healthy tree removal will be tabled to a future date pending replacement of tree. A sample letter for removal of a healthy tree without approval will be written. If no replacement is planted

within the time limit, then LSTC needs authority to take person to court. Emily will type it up and send it to members.

i. North Franklin Dead tree- located at curb between two houses. LSTC will send letters to both owners. Issue is to be carried to July meeting.

j. Tree Inventory- there is no result yet of grant application to obtain 2 GPS units.

5. New Business

a. 42 Perry Street- dead tree was planted under the street reconstruction project, so is still under a performance bond. LSTC is to inform Cindy Ege.

b. 152 N. Union Street @ corner with Perry St.- same as a. above.

c. 114 N. Union-almost dead tree- Frank Hannold. LSTC will look at it. Is this covered in the N. Union reconstruction project?

d. N. Union @ Coryell at A Mano- dead tree was planted as part of a grant. LSTC will look at it.

e. Judicial committee suggested by Art

f. Agenda and minutes for LSTC should be posted online at City website.

g. Liaison for LSTC with Zoning and Planning Boards and the City Engineer is Emily.

h. Special safety vests or badge for LSTC members requested by Irene for use when doing inspections and trimming.

6. Public Comment none

7. Adjournment 8:42

Minutes will be e-mailed to members to get approval before next meeting.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday July 30, 2013 in the Justice Center building at 7:30 PM.