

Lambertville Shade Tree Commission

October 29, 2013 7:30 pm Pittore Justice Center

Meeting minutes for open meeting

1. Statement of Compliance

2. Roll Call

All Present: Irene Rudolph, Deborah Galen, Dr. Legere, Sue Wydick

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from September 24, 2013 meeting were approved.

4. New Business

A. LSTC needs to have a list of approved trees.

1. Skyline Honey Locust-Perfection
2. Redmond Linden
3. Maackia Starburst
4. Japanese Tree Lilac
5. Hedge Maple
6. Green Vase Zelkova
7. Red Oak—NJ state tree
8. London Plane
9. Sweetgum-seedless

B. Large tree at SE corner of Delevan and N. Union will not be removed due to N. Union street construction

C. Tree at NW corner of same intersection has a RR tie wall at the base of it, which is too high.

D. Construction plans for N. Union do not include a landscaping plan. We have no notation of existing trees to remain, trees to be removed, or new trees to be planted. The tree planting detail should not include tree stakes and mulch should not be placed in direct contact with trunk.

E. LSTC should start on inventory using the forms we already have.

F. A tree was removed at #58 Coryell. The owners had permission, but the tree did not look that bad. A new tree had not yet been planted.

G. Tree removed on Elm Street was replanted.

H. John Ashton has a dead tree hanging over the canal bridge on north side of Bridge Street.

I. Shop owners on Church Street complained that trucks were hitting and killing street trees. LSTC members to look at these trees.

5. Old Business

A. 13 N. Union – Ronica Bregenzer, Architect for the applicant: Irsfeld Operating LLC, did not appear. The neighbors to this store do NOT want the tree to be removed. If the tree did get approved for removal, two trees would be required for replacement, and one would be planted at the same location. Tripping hazard could be eliminated by removing one raised brick. Sue motioned for a vote with all voting no to allow the removal.

B. Tree Action Request form / process. Emily gave the status of review by 2 council members. Should include a statement about the value of trees.

C. Proposed Ordinance revisions discussed. Height of trees at street should be 10 or 15 feet and 8 feet over sidewalks.

Public Comment None were present

Adjournment 8:24 Irene motioned and Art seconded.