

Shade Tree Commission Meeting
April 11, 2023 – 5:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to order 5:30 p.m.
2. Minutes – Richard made a motion to approve the minutes, Valerie 2nd motion passed.
3. Recognition of visitors – Donna Komorowski, Michael Turner, Jason MCNatt, Tabi Gott, Fred Schaber, Richard Pratt, Kevin Fox, Valerie Forbes
4. Follow-up on Tree Replacement at Town Hall – Jason stated the area should be ready for planting in about 2 weeks. Tabi asked if the cost of the tree replacement was in the scope of work. Jason does not believe it was. The planting will be 2 dogwood trees. Kevin will reach out to Forest View and Homestead Garden for availability.
5. Arbor Day Celebration – This year Arbor Day will be held with the Red Sand Project at the public works building April 23 @ 4 pm. The planting will be a Sun Valley Maple. Jason and Kevin have set the location, Ankor Tree Service have volunteered their time to test the soil and plant the tree. Kevin will reach out to Forest View and Homestead for the tree. The Town of Smyrna will provide light refreshments after the events. Valerie will reach out to Delaware Forest Service for supplies for the event.
6. Plantings for Sunnyside Park – Michael has volunteered to pull soil samples at the park and take them to Clark Seed for testing. Jason said to let him know when he is ready and he will let Clark Seed know Michael is coming and to bill the town. Discussion on what to plant with suggestions of barberry, butterfly, or ninebark bushes over trees since the kids out there continue to damage the trees and the town does not have enough staff to care for them. The removal of the Bradford Pears needs to be addressed and plans for their removal.
7. Other Commission Business – Richard provided copies of ANSI for those interested, Is Russ Carlson still in business as an Arborist (Valerie will look into), Kevin will provide Valerie with copies of all the tree work done within town via email.
8. Adjournment 6:10 p.m. the next meeting will be May 17th at 5:30 p.m.

