

## **Advisory Committee on Trees - January 22, 2019**

Call to order 7PM

Present: Brian Townsend (staff liaison and Associate Director Parks and Public Works), Charles Jackman (chair), Ethel Dutky (recorder), Robert Trumbule (member).

Approved October and November 2018 minutes with corrections and suggestion to format as two separate documents.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

### **1 - Bartlett Tree Inspection Report**

Brian presented a Tree Inspection Report from Bartlett Tree devoted to six large trees and 23 of the London Plane trees in Roosevelt Center. We discussed each report. Willow Oak at Community Center Playground. ACT supports pruning of dead wood, testing soil and testing to diagnose possible root disease, and install cables. ACT has reservations about the lightning protection system.

American Elm south side of Community Center lawn. ACT agrees with to continue Dutch Elm Disease suppression treatments and do pruning on dead and damaged limbs.

Willow Oak at Ridge Rd and Hamilton Place. ACT is concerned about doing additional costly diagnostic work on this tree. ACT advises that this tree should be removed as soon as possible because it is a safety hazard.

Southern Red Oak at Green Ridge House. ACT supports doing pruning and other work as described to prolong the useful life of this iconic tree.

White Pine west of City Office. ACT agrees with advice to remove this tree..

Large white Mulberry in Buddy Attick Park. ACT supports removal of part of the overextended limb on the north stem to reduce the load. We were of mixed opinion about installation of additional props. ACT will need to visit this tree to advise on other work proposed

London plane trees (23 trees) in Roosevelt Center. ACT suggests that the soil testing on the 23 London Planes in Roosevelt Center include "soluble salt" tests as well as fertility and pH. Trees showing decline and showing high salts or other soil abnormalities should have severely declining trees removed and the site soil corrected.

### **2 – Update on the Sustainable Land Care Policy document.**

Brian will bring a revised version of the Sustainable Land Care Document for the City of Greenbelt for our consideration at our next meeting.

Next meeting – Tuesday, February 19 at 7PM

Submitted by Ethel Dutky, Recorder.

Adjourn 9PM