

## Advisory Committee on Trees – May 22, 2019

Call to order 5PM

Present: Brian Townsend (staff liaison and Associate Director Public Works and Parks); Charles Jackman (chair); Ethel Dutky (recorder); Bill Phelan (emeritus member); Bob Trumbule (member).

Review and approve minutes from April 30, 2019 with corrections.

Old Business

1 – Tree Removals

Brian reviewed several tree removals of large trees in city landscapes: a white pine near the Community Center and a willow oak near the Youth Center. Brian prepared a short video showing in detail the disease symptoms (internal rot) and major injuries sustained by each tree. These trees are hazardous and need to be removed for public safety. The video is posted to the City's Facebook page. ACT supports the removal of these 2 trees and greatly appreciates Brian's communication with the community to show and explain the reason for these tree removals.

New Business

1 – PEPCO tree pruning and tree removals.

ACT took a field trip to examine trees marked by PEPCO in this current round of line clearance in the City. In some cases ACT requested that directional pruning be done instead of removal of the tree. In other cases ACT supports removal of the tree.

List of trees visited:

A - Large Sweet gum in woods between Buddy Attick parking and Crescent Rd. ACT supports removal

B - Locust on Crescent Rd. tree is dead, ACT supports removal

C - Ivy Lane, Maple, also dead, ACT supports Removal.

D- Ivy Lane, dead large Locust, ACT supports removal.

E- 24 Hedgewood, Red Maple, top is broken and trunk is split. ACT supports removal.

F - Ridge Rd. Large Sweet Gum. ACT suggests pruning, do not remove.

G - Ridge Rd near playground, 2 Maples. ACT agrees to remove both trees.

H - Ridge Rd near playground. Willow oak. ACT advises to leave this tree, prune as needed.

I - Ridge Rd near Playground, Locust tree, ACT agrees to remove this tree.

J - Laurel Hill, large Pin Oak. ACT advises do not remove, but prune limbs near lines and large limb over house.

K – Laurel Hill, Sweet Gum, ACT agrees this tree should be removed.

L – Ridge Rd. Oak, ACT agrees this tree should be removed.

M -54 Ridge Rd. , 6 inch caliper Oak, dual trunks very close to fence. ACT advises take out this tree.

N – Hillside, 2 Maples, these are probably GHI trees, not City trees. ACT advises remove these trees, they are too close to the fence.

O – Hillside between Northway and woodland. A white mulberry, 6 inch caliper. ACT advises to remove this tree. Residents have been pruning this tree.

P – Crescent Rd and Gardenway, in park. A large, very old White Oak. ACT feels very strongly this tree should not be removed .Directional prune as needed to keep away from lines.

Q – In woods behind Fitness Center. 4 trees, ACT advises to remove the Sweet Gum and the Mulberry and the Maple marked. The Tulip Poplar deep in the woods, ACT advises do not remove this tree and no pruning needed at this time.

R – Ridge Rd, 2 very large Ash trees, (not on the PEPCO list). ACT is happy to see these trees leafing out, but ACT advises these trees need pruning to remove dead wood. Insecticide treatment to protect from Emerald Ash Borer should be continued.

S – 5 Court Ridge, large Elm. ACT advises do not remove, but prune to keep away from lines.

T – Sweet Gum at 5 Ridge. ACT advises this tree needs a lot of pruning, but does not need to be removed.

U – Willow oak at 5 Ridge. ACT agrees this tree should be removed.

V – Black Locust near 3 and 4 Courts Ridge Rd. ACT advises that the large tree far back in woods does not need to be pruned or removed. A thicket of young locusts is forming near the roadside and should be mowed or otherwise controlled.

Adjourn at 8 PM.

Next meeting at Public Works on June 18 at 7 PM.

Submitted by Ethel Dutky