

Advisory Committee on Trees - June 18, 2019

Call to order at 7:05

Present: Brian Townsend (Assistant Director Public Works and Parks and staff liaison), Ethel Dutky (recorder), Charles Jackman (chair), Bob Trumbule (member), Susan Harris (GHI Gardening Committee and guest).

Reviewed and approved May 22 ACT minutes with corrections.

Old Business.

None

New Business

1 – Sustainable Land Care Policy Work Session.

There will be a Work Session of the “Sustainable Land Care Policy” document on July 15 at 8PM, location to be determined. Brian shared copies of the Committee reports from the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Both reports indicated approval of the document discussed at the Work Session held March 2, 2017. Each Report included short additions to the document. Guest Susan Harris is interested in participating in the review as a concerned citizen who leads the GHI Gardening Committee, and is interested in encouraging GHI members to utilize science based solutions to landscape pest and disease issues. This work session is open to the public and ACT encouraged Ms. Harris to attend and participate.

2 – Spotted Lanternfly is in Maryland.

Bob Trumbule handed out copies of a new fact sheet on this new serious pest of landscape, forest and crop plants which has been found in several Northern Maryland counties this year for the first time.

3 - Articles in News Review on trees.

Charles called our attention to two articles in a recent edition of the Greenbelt News Review. One was about the removal of two dangerous trees; one near the Community Center and one near the Youth Center. Brian Townsend is interviewed explaining why the trees needed to be removed and his video on the City web page was mentioned. The second was a letter of concern about the death (over several years) of two trees dedicated to Eleanor Roosevelt and the need to replace the one that recently died and take better care of the replacement. ACT discussed possible trees suitable as replacements for the memorial tree.

Next meeting: Tuesday July 23 at 7PM at Public Works.

Adjourn 8:45 PM