

## **Advisory Committee on Trees – March 3, 2015**

Call to order 7PM

present: Charles Jackman (Chair), Ethel Dutky (recorder), Robert Trumbule, Brian Townsend (City Liaison), Erin Josephitis (MD Volunteer Coord.)

Review and approved minutes for Nov 18, 2014 and for Jan 27, 2015 with corrections.

Welcome to Erin Josephitis, the new Volunteer Maryland Coordinator. Brian introduced Erin and he thanked her for her assistance with a variety of projects. Brian showed us the updated map for prioritizing the snow removal on sidewalks. Erin was helpful with this and is now engaged in a project to map and id memorial benches and trees.

Charles reports on meeting of Board and Committee Chairs

Each chair of an Advisory Board or Advisory Committee reported on the activities done in the past year. One big issue presented (by the Forest Preserve Adv. Board) was about the use of Roberts Rules of Order and if this should be required for all Board/Committee meetings. Consensus was that this was not mandated and it was a choice left up to each committee. A very good summary of the meeting was reported in the News Review. Another issue discussed was attendance at meetings and failure to have a quorum. Failure to attend meetings is grounds for a member to be dismissed.

Election of ACT officers

Charles was nominated for Chair, accepted, and was elected.

Ethel was nominated to continue as recorder, accepted, and was elected.

Events – Arbor Day March 28, 2015 - Buddy Attick Park

Brian showed us the flyer to be circulated. CHEARS will donate 10 trees deemed favorable for birds. Brian will look for some Red Mulberry to add to plantings.

Public Works has completed the application for Tree City. Also, there is a MD Dept. of Natural Resources program called PLANT (People loving and nurturing trees) which Brian has applied to join. PLANT provides recognition for cities that do good tree planting programs.

Street Tree Projects

Brian reports that the Landon Court project is progressing. The tree selected for this renovation is the 'Princeton' American elm. This is a large tree with good resistance to Dutch elm disease.

Brian is working with an Eagle Scout Jack Hoard. Jack recently organized a work day with other scouts to clear paths in Greenbriar Park (near Eleanor Roosevelt H.S.) of broken branches, litter and fallen trees. He did this project while the ground was snow covered!

Arbor Day Proclamation

City Council will present ACT with the proclamation at the next council meeting. Brian, Charles and Ethel plan to attend. The meeting is Monday, March 23 at 8PM.

Adjourn 8:45 PM

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21 at Public Works.

Submitted by  
Ethel Dutky