
CITY OF HYATTSVILLE SHADE TREE BOARD

MINUTES | MAY 7, 2025

Present: Zachary Dorner, Dawn Bohls, Deb Taylor, Gloria Felix-Thompson, Kyla Gallagher, Kathryn Kutzner, Taylor Johnson

Absent: Randy Fletcher, John Healy

Staff: Dawn Taft

Visitor(s): Maximiliano Vasquez

Meeting called to order at 7:41 pm

1) Approval of the previous April 2025 minutes

Minutes approved.

2) Brief report on approved permits, denials, illegal removals - Dawn Taft

Dawn had to leave the meeting early due to an emergency. Tabled.

IL25-001 – email and photo of tree provided to the Board. The maximum fine of \$1,000.00 was voted and approved by the Board members.

Zack noted that this is the first illegal removal of the year.

3) Old Business

a. April events

West Hyattsville tree planting with Casey Trees: Plenty of attendees.

Arbor Day with Casey Trees: Near Duck Pond. Very well attended. About 60 trees planted. Many volunteers, most from outside of Hyattsville.

b. Discuss draft letter to City Council

Suggested by Gloria to wait until the new council members are seated/after elections, and for next month for Taylor to provide additional context and review.

c. Comms: social media post review

Tabled for next month.

4) New Business

42nd Hyattsville Historical House Tour is on Sunday, May 18th.

Invasives removal on Saturday, May 17th from 10am to 2pm (may be subject to change).

University Park Meadow Day on May 31st at the UP Native Wildflower Pollinator Meadow.

5) Public Comment

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting will be June 4, 2025.