
CITY OF HYATTSVILLE SHADE TREE BOARD

MINUTES | DECEMBER 7, 2022

PRESENT: Taylor Johnson, Gloria Felix-Thompson, Randy Fletcher,
Kathryn Kutzner, Zack Dorner

ABSENT: Keondra Freemyn, Millard Smith

STAFF: Dawn Taft

VISITOR(s):

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 pm.

1) The minutes from the November 2022 meeting were approved

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

TP22062— Approved. One was N/A too small to approve. One was approved and one outstanding. Three new hazards. One tree on Gloria's street is a hazard and has been addressed. It is one of the three newly hazard trees reported. There were two illegals removed (three from an area with no trees) all were taken and two required a permit. The full fine was awarded in court. The property owners didn't show up to contest. Dawn will get clarification on how the proceedings work.

3) Calendar of meeting dates for 2023
Meeting dates are unanimously approved

4) Proposed Revisions to Chapter 112-4.2B
Dawn thought we should nix the matrix. Typically, large tree being removed are in a bad location. Taylor had advocated for replacing like for like. Dawn says owners can replace two small trees for the large one that is removed, but the owner may only be able to replace one small tree, depending on the lot size, and what other structure/trees are already there. Where is the 2nd tree planted if not on the property? The owner may choose to pay \$200 to have a tree planted elsewhere in the city.

Trees planted in the wrong place will eventually be a nuisance and will be a problem in 30 years.

The Board approved the language for B.1

Tree for tree replacement, meaning a like number of trees removed, a like number of trees replaced by trees that at maturity will approximate the crown size of trees removed (i.e. a large tree for a large tree).

We deleted the extra tree for tree line

The Board approved the language for C.

We changed “may” to “shall,” and changed “donation” to “pay a \$200 fee,” and changed “municipal” to “city arborist.”

We will discuss **112-5** at the next meeting.

5) New Business

Stipend for board members to start in December. 40 per session, not to exceed \$600 per year (paid biannually).

Terms for the tree board officers are for one year and limited to two terms unless no one is elected. If no one is elected, the existing officer could serve a third term, but the city council would have to approve.

We will be electing new officers in January.

If you miss too many meetings, you may be booted off the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

The next meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, AT 7:30 PM.**