

City of Hyattsville Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Friday 5 November 2021

Zoom Meeting

Present: Millard Smith, Gloria Felix-Thompson, Taylor Johnson, Zack Dorner

Absent: Keondra Freemyn, Randy Fletcher

Staff: Dawn Taft, Lesley Riddle

Visitor: Danny Schaible, Ben Simasek

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm.

The minutes from October meeting were approved.

Welcome to our new member Zack Dorner.

The following outstanding permits were discussed:

Ten tree permit requests since last meeting, five approved, two under sized, three pending further assessment.

IL21-003 an illegal removal that a resident reported. Removal was of the limbs falling into a yard. The tree was already dead. It was an American Elm, standing long enough for all the bark to fall off it. The main trunk of the tree is still standing with some limbs. 112:4 in ordinance. Remaining tree appears to be a significant hazard, so we should inform code compliance and ask them to assess and order removal. Owners need to be aware that they should have applied for a permit which DPW will take care of.

Proposed revision of chapter 112 of ordinance – discussion ensued of some proposed changes. 112:1 change approved. Discussion of 112:2 ensued with lots of questions about how to enforce and prevent construction damage. These points actually fall under enforcement which is later in the ordinance. Proposed changes were approved.

New Business: none

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46

The next meeting will be 3 December 2021