
CITY OF HYATTSVILLE SHADE TREE BOARD

MINUTES | JUNE 4, 2025

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

Absent: none

Staff: Dawn Taft

Visitor(s): Maximiliano Vasquez

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm

1) Approval of the previous May 2025 minutes

Tabling approval of the May 2025 minutes until next month.

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

TP25-018 to 023 (seven permits). All permits approved, one was cited but still received approval.

3) Old Business

a. Comms: social media post review

John is still working on creating a history of Hyattsville trees with a “before/after” photo. Dawn Taft suggested that if he can get historical aerial photos, that the City can use its drone to get current aerial photos.

John took pictures of April blooming trees in the City and will use that to make the Tree Board’s first social media post.

Discussed the spotted lanternfly issue, and the upcoming tree informational/flyer from the City will include details on it (prevention, remediation, etc.).

b. Reach out to the new city council members?

Discussed in May about reaching out to new city council members to let them know about the Tree Board and its objectives.

Members have agreed to reach out to the following council members:

Gloria – Greg Barnes, Ward 1

Randy – Ghopi Dhokai, Ward 3

Dawn B – Kelson Nisbett, Ward 5

Zack – Emily Strab, Ward 2

Dawn B – Edouard Haba, Ward 4

4) New Business

Zachary mentioned the timing of the next meeting, July 2nd. Members agreed to keep the meeting at the same time/date.

Dawn Taft mentioned the Hyattsville database of trees, and encouraged members to review it. Dawn B. encouraged adding this to the agenda for next month. Dawn Taft will send out the link to the database after the meeting.

A “Weed Warriors” program is starting in Prince George’s County, with more information forthcoming.

5) Public Comment

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting will be July 2, 2025.