

City of Hyattsville Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Friday 8 January 2021

Zoom Meeting
Approved 2/5/21

Present:, Millard Smith, Gloria Felix-Thompson, Randy Fletcher, Theresa Immordino, Keondra Freemyn, Taylor Johnson, Joe Luebke

Absent: Lesley Riddle

Staff: Dawn Taft

Visitor: Scott Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm.

The minutes from December meeting were approved

The following outstanding permits were discussed:

Dawn Taft reported two permits approved since last meeting, also a rescinded denial for the tree permit TP20-66. Residents were told about appeal process, but DPW investigated and there is a long crack in the home foundation wall, so they approved it.

Heritage Tree – city cannot use the draft flyer we created. We approved time period 3/1/21 to 4/30/21. Limit of 500 words for the essay. Submission of art project as photos or scans with a brief description of the artist's concept or vision and how it applies to the question. Winner of the art prize should have their work displayed somewhere during the summer. Criteria: Uniqueness, originality, professional quality of finished piece, design aesthetic, concept, addresses the question. Proper citation of sources of course! 6th to 10th grade. Question for later – can student enter both and win both? Gloria and Taylor will have access to an email in order to answer any questions. We can decide later who will be involved in evaluating the prize submissions. Randy, Taylor, and Keondra will draw up criteria to present to the next meeting.

Promoting this to schools, city website.

New Business: City has applied for another grant for free trees. We should know more in February or early March, then the committee will be asked to help reach out and connect with private property owners to plant trees.

Ms. Immordino suggested we add a Hyattsville tree ordinance announcement in the real estate contract to purchase property. Mr. Johnson offered to reach out to real estate sources to find out the process for this. Ms. Taft said the city added a blurb to the green sheet about the tree ordinance.

We said farewell to Joe Luebke and thanked him for his years of service.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44

The next meeting will be 5 February at 1:30