

City of Hyattsville Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Friday 5 February 2021

Zoom Meeting
APPROVED 3/5/21

Present: Millard Smith, Gloria Felix-Thompson, Theresa Immordino, Keondra Freemyn, Taylor Johnson

Absent: Randy Fletcher

Staff: Dawn Taft

Visitor:

The meeting was called to order at 1:48 pm.

The minutes from January meeting were approved.

Election of officers Gloria Felix-Thompson nominated for Chair and approved unanimously, Randy Fletcher nominated for vice-chair and approved unanimously, Taylor Johnson nominated for Secretary and approved unanimously.

Tree Board requests city council to work with Prince George's County Board of Realtors to insert a clause in the Prince George's County jurisdictional addendum notifying purchasers of real estate within the city limits that there is a tree ordinance that requires application for permits to cut or remove a tree and have buyers sign that they have been notified. – approved unanimously.

The following outstanding permits were discussed: 1 permit TP21-002 will be approved, a huge mulberry that is leaning and it is actively failing.

Heritage Trees: criteria for artwork and essays determined. We also have five people interested in applying for the heritage tree designation so far. We then discussed who will help to judge, should it be all members of the tree board, folks from outside, etc. We thought it would be good to have an artist on the selection process. Taylor offered to reach out to his neighbor to join us.

New Business: Dawn Taft pointed out that the city is moving forward with the grant funding. City will be sponsoring the training of 10 master watershed stewards in March. 10 March will be a discussion group with Nancy Lawson the Humane Gardener on landscaping without chemicals.

24 March Jay Feldman will speak on Beyond Pesticides. Both are virtual at 7pm for an hour to an hour and a half.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16

The next meeting will be 5 March at 1:30 pm