

BUTLER CITY SHADE TREE COMMISSION

June 5, 2019 – 6:27pm call to order

ROLL CALL: Doug Kleeman Barb Long X Katie Selfridge Diane Smith X Donna Smith X Pamela Taylor X
Wilma West Jennifer Senchak (volunteer arborist) X Ken Bonus Council Liaison

Approval of Minutes from April 3

Minutes approved.

Public Comment:

Jeff Geibel, Butler businessman and member of AM Rotary: questions re tree planting procedures

Financial Report

3 new line items, balance of \$17,433.03

Donna moved to approve, Barb seconded. No discussion. Report approved.

Arborist Report

Library trees were assessed: due to poor condition, soil testing to be done. 2 requiring rejuvenation and possible soil flush, 1 replacement required in cursory assessment

Thompson-Miller trees assessed, recommendation that ties be removed due to girdling were followed, trees not damaged in cursory assessment.

Motion for promotion and gratitude to any person or business that adopts STC recommendations (ex. Removal of flags from root area by Burger Hut, removal of ties by Thompson-Miller, clean up by business such as Fishers etc) presented on FB page. Motion by Pam and seconded. No discussion, carried.

Old Business:

Permit application process and forms approved by solicitor Tom Breth and city council to become part of city permitting as per city code 220. Promotion of process discussed.

Discussion: coordinate with code enforcement on areas of responsibility

Tree Inventory: Tree Vitalize and DCNR iPads used for inventory are currently reserved and not available until Fall; volunteer Horticulture Group has open availability

Discussion of past November correspondence from Parks dept. Will follow up.

Discussion of Rt 8 S entry to Butler.

New Business:

Next Facebook Article to discuss Hemlocks and the Woolly Adelgid infestation

Next Walk and Talk will be at Ritts Park Playground, July 10th, 4pm to discuss the pest and remediation.

Spreadsheet on Tree Service Companies created.

Spreadsheet of residents requesting information created.

Motion to Adjourn - 7:47