



Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 ❖ 7:30 - 9:30 pm Oak Room, City Hall

Present: Kathy Philpott Costa, Dennis Szymanski, Kate Reich, Barbara Tesner, John Tesner, Christian Autor

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. **Approval of December Minutes:** The minutes for the December 16, 2016 meeting were approved.
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Old Business:** None
4. **Current Business**
 - **Selection of 2016 Tree of the Year:** The Tree Commission chose the Red Buckeye as the 2016 Tree of the Year. The City Arborist will seek a source of small saplings for possible distribution to interested members of the public.
 - **Streetscape Design Standards:** The Tree Commission reviewed a draft of a document specifying planting standards for healthy street trees along Broad Street and Washington Street. Revisions discussed will be incorporated in a new draft and the City Arborist will propose technical specifications for planting beds' construction, soil, and irrigation.
 - **Tree Commission annual report:** The report is due in February. The Tree Commission reviewed and approved the final draft. The report will be sent to City Council.
5. **Plan Reviews:** Koons Ford is redoing some of the streetscape along Broad Street. Mason Row has been approved, and the Mixed Use Regulations require 15% landscaping, which the Arborist will discuss how to maximize green space during the Site Plan stage, when interior landscaping will be determined.
6. **Informational Items**

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7. Future Business

- **Tree canopy goals and strategies**
- **Code updates/modifications relating to urban forestry**
- **Enforcement of site plan landscape violations**

8. **Adjourned:** 9:35 pm

9. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday February 17, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Philpott Costa, Tree Commission Secretary,

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