

RSTC Minutes for July 19th, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1600 hours by Mr. Kissinger, Jr.

Special Notes: None

1. Attendance:
 - a. Lester Kissinger, Jr. – City Arborist, Shade Tree Administrator / Chair
 - b. Robert Reimer – Member
 - c. Vacant – Member
 - d. Margaret Yevics – Member
 - e. Thomas Ryan – Member - **ABSENT**
 - f. Pamela S Gockley – Member
 - g. Donna Reed – City Council – **ABSENT**
 - h. David Moodhart - Support
 - i. Jeff Thompson – Support - **ABSENT**
 - j. Kyle Zeiber – Public Works Operations Manager / Acting Director - **ABSENT**
2. Presenters / Guests:
 - a. None
3. Review of the minutes from June, 2022
 - a. Motion to approve made by Mr. Reimer, seconded by Ms. Yevics
 - i. All in favor, no objections
4. Report of permits for the months of June
 - a. Removals: 11
 - b. Pruning: 35
 - c. Plantings: 2
 - d. Treatment 0
5. Arborist Report
 - a. Classes Attended
 - i. None
 - b. Letters sent to Property owners for the month of June
 - i. None
 - c. Notice of Violations Issued
 - i. 8 for either hazards, pruning, removals or other violations for the month of May
 1. (4) moved to Citation since January
 2. (5) for re-inspection
 3. (10) Cases open pending Court for the year of 2021

- d. Adopt-a-Tree
 - i. 0 – Adopt-a-Tree agreements for Fall of 2022
 - ii. 0 – Letter of interest for Fall 2022
- e. Invoices for 2022
 - i. 0 – to property owners
 - ii. In House work totaling \$34,100 for the year
 - 1. Recent work being storm clean up:
 - a. Schiller Rd, Montgomery St, Washington & Pear St, 1316 Buttonwood St, Yarnell Park, Stadium, 1300 Lorrianne, 19th Ward Pumping Station, 300 S. 17th St
 - iii. Contractor Invoices totaling \$121,374.34 for the year
 - 1. Most recent jobs:
 - a. S. 6th St, Egleman's crane removals, 2022 EAB Treatments, S. 10th St, City Park tree transplanting, 11th & Windsor, Schuylkill Av & Buttonwood
- 6. Request for Variance in having to replant
 - a. None
- 7. Review of Zoning Plans
 - a. 235-241 W. Buttonwood St
 - i. Planting strip to be installed in front of the properties. Two trees removed from curb side.
 - 1. Three trees to be installed as sidewalk concern needing addressed required the install of a 5 foot planting strip
 - b. N. 5th & Bern Street – Proposed Carwash and Storage Unit
 - i. Approval of landscaping to be installed
- 8. Old Business
 - a. Park Assessments
 - i. Mr. Kissinger had nothing to report
 - b. Capital Budget 2022
 - i. Mr. Kissinger states he would like to use the funds for the purchasing of a new truck. He states the remaining funds would go to a pruning project. The current dump truck could then be used by another department or reallocated.
- 9. New Business
 - a. Budget:
 - i. Mr. Kissinger reviewed the current budget status for 2022.
 - b. Planting Projects

- i. Mr. Kissinger states he will be working with Larry Lloyd and Berks Nature for a fall planting at Schlegel Park.
- c. EAB (Emerald Ash Bore)
 - i. Mr. Kissinger states Arbor Essence finished this year's treatments
 - ii. Kissinger states 63 sites were treated. Kissinger notes this is the third round of treatment for these trees.

10. Information:

- a. Mr. Kissinger states the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 at 1600 hours.
- b. Mr. Kissinger provides a brief update on the MP3 initiatives with regards to the trail feasibility study and forester management plan. Kissinger notes this plan will also look to address the line of site concerns at the look outs along Skyline Drive.

11. RSTC Observations / Concerns:

- a. 800 Penn St – Dead Tree
- b. 000 N. 5th St Post Office – Deadwood, Pruning
- c. S. 19th & Perkiomen – Dead Tree
- d. 919 N. 4th St – Dead Tree

12. Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Gockley, seconded by Ms. Yevics at 1715 hours