

RSTC Minutes for June 21st, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1815 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. David Moodhart – Member
 - d. Margaret Yevics – Member
 - e. Thomas Ryan – Member - **ABSENT**
 - f. Pamela S Gockley – Member
 - g. Donna Reed – City Council - **ABSENT**
 - h. Jeff Thompson – Support - **ABSENT**
 - i. Kyle Zeiber – Public Works Operations Manager / Acting Director - **ABSENT**
2. Presenters / Guests:
 - a. None
3. Review of the minutes from May, 2022
 - a. Motion to approve made by Ms. Yevics, seconded by Ms. Gockley
 - i. All in favor, no objections
4. Report of permits for the months of May
 - a. Removals: 7
 - b. Pruning: 3
 - c. Plantings: 1
 - d. Treatment 1
5. Arborist Report
 - a. Classes Attended
 - i. None
 - b. Letters sent to Property owners for the month of May
 - i. None
 - c. Notice of Violations Issued
 - i. 5 for either hazards, pruning, removals or other violations for the month of May
 1. (3) moved to Citation since January
 2. (8) 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 \$22,480.00 for the year
 - 1. Recent work being storm clean up:
 - a. Angora Road (Tree Down), Schiller Rd, 1520 Hampden Blvd, Oak Ln @ Alsace, 00 S. 2nd, 3rd & Spruce, Mulberry & Green, River Rd
 - iii. Contractor Invoices totaling \$98,534.29 for the year
 - 1. Most recent jobs:
 - a. William Ln
 - b. Lorraine Rd – 2100 Block
 - c. S. 6th St from Canal to Penn
- 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. Buttonwood Street Ramp – Three trees removed to accommodate the sidewalk install
 - c. 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, July 19th, 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. 1200 Hampden Blvd – Dead Tree
- b. 114 W. Buttonwood – Dead Tree
- c. 824 Schuylkill Av – Dead Tree
- d. Red Cross Building – Dead Tree
- e. 139 N. 5th – Dead Tree – Kissinger notes he believes this is in citation
- f. Madison Building – Dead Trees along N. 4th
- g. 900 & 1000 Washington St – Pruning concerns
- h. Green Terrace – Dead Tree
- i. 17 S. 4th – Dead Tree
- j. 222 Penn St – Pruning concerns
- k. 242 N. 10th St – Dead Tree – Kissinger notes he believes this is in citation
- l. 745 N. Front St – Dead Tree
- m. Centre Av @ Cemetery – Dead Trees
- n. 943 Centre Av @ History Building – Dead Tree – Kissinger notes he just issued the Notice last week
- o. Sterling Hotel Property – Dead Trees

12. Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Gockley, seconded by Ms. Yevics at 1915 hours