

**WINCHESTER TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 28, 2011**

The rescheduled monthly meeting of the Winchester Tree Commission was held on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall at Rouss City Hall.

Ms. Stickley, Tree Commission Member, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Roulston made a motion to approve the June minutes; seconded by Ms. Downing, motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Members present: Mr. Tai Roulston, Ms. Kate Christen, Ms. Mary Stickley, and Ms. Donna Downing.

Members absent: Mr. Patrick Farris, Ms. Allison Major, and Gerald Crowell, Natural Resources Advisory Board Liaison.

Staff present: Tom Hoy, Tom Denney, Jennifer Hammer and Kelly Feltner

Guests present: Mr. James Eppes, Mr. Tom McFillen, and Mr. Tim Painter

Guest comments:

Mr. James Eppes said the Tree Commission does a worthy job and he commended them for what they do. He said he was surprised when the trees on Valley Avenue were labeled as Siberian Elms when they were planted as Chinese Elms in 1938 and is upset that the public was misled with the types of species they are. He said the upshot to this is that the trees have been removed and are being replaced with the appropriate height trees. He said he wished the public would have had more notice about the removal of the trees on Valley Avenue and he does not think his side has been given a fair chance; considering Winchester is part of Tree City and they would not cut down healthy trees. Ms. Stickley said in speaking for the Tree Commission, the trees are in decline and are starting to drop branches, they are not in active decline but they are declining. Ms. Stickley also said if the trees are still there when the sidewalks are replaced, damage will be done to the tree roots and the trees will decline much faster once this occurs. Ms. Stickley said they looked at what would overall benefit the City and since the trees can be replaced all at once, it makes more sense than to replace them one at a time. Mr. James Eppes asked why they were planted as Chinese Elms in 1938 and labeled as Siberian Elms now. Ms. Stickley said the trees look like Siberian Elms and she did not question that. Mr. James Eppes said he is also concerned with the value of his house since the trees have been taken out. Mr. Roulston said the citizens can make suggestions for the types of trees to be replaced since the replacement trees have not been chosen yet. Mr. Roulston also said that the sidewalk issue was very large when it came to taking these trees down; because once the sidewalk goes in the trees will die and since there is limited funding available for trees, now is the time to replace them since the funds are available.

New Business:

a.) Consideration of Tree Removal/Trimming requests:

11 Montague Circle

Mr. Roulston made a motion to deny removal of the tree located at 11 Montague Circle; seconded by Ms. Stickely; motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Athey Lane behind 335 Gray Avenue

Mr. Roulston made a motion to table these trees for reassessment at the next meeting located on Athey Lane behind 335 Gray Avenue; seconded by Ms. Christen; motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Athey Lane behind 319 Gray Avenue

Ms. Christen made a motion to table these trees for reassessment at the next meeting located on Athey Lane behind 319 Gray Avenue; seconded by Mr. Roulston; motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Middle Road at Cedar Hill development site; on right ¼ mile past Sheetz

Ms. Stickley made a motion to remove the trees located on Middle Road at Cedar Hill development site; seconded by Mr. Roulston, motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Handley Crossing development; corner of South Braddock St. and Bond St.

Ms. Christen made a motion to remove the tree located at the Handley Crossing development on the corner of South Braddock St. and Bond St.; seconded by Mr. Roulston, motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

119 West Pall Mall St.

Mr. Roulston made a motion to trim the tree located at 119 West Pall Mall Street; seconded by Ms. Stickley, motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

1015 South Cameron Street; on East Bond Street; 1st from South Cameron Street

Mr. Roulston made a motion to deny request to remove the tree located at 1015 S. Cameron Street on East Bond Street; 1st from South Cameron Street; seconded by Ms. Christen, motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

1015 South Cameron Street; on East Bond Street; 2nd from South Cameron Street

Mr. Roulston made a motion to deny request to remove the tree located at 1015 S. Cameron Street on East Bond Street; 2nd from South Cameron Street; seconded by Ms. Christen, motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

1015 South Cameron Street; on East Bond Street; 3rd from South Cameron Street

Ms. Christen made a motion to trim the tree located at 1015 S. Cameron Street on East Bond Street; 3rd from South Cameron Street; seconded by Ms. Downing, motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

929 Allen Drive

Ms. Stickely made a motion to remove the tree located at the corner at 929 Allen Drive; seconded by Mr. Roulston, motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

212 Parkway Street

Ms. Downing made a motion to trim the tree located at 212 Parkway Street; seconded by Mr. Roulston, motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

b.) Review of Preston Field Planting Plan

Jen Hammer said Brach Veach sent her the information about the Preston Field Planting Plan and said out of the 3 trees that were approved for removal; they were able to save 1 tree. They are working with Boyer Landscape to come in this fall and plant 14 trees between 1.75 and 2 inch caliper in size. Ms. Christen asked if there was anything that needed to be done or voted on. Jen Hammer said that this was passed on for information purposes only. Ms. Christen asked what kind of species the trees would be replaced with and Jen Hammer said all Red Maples. Ms. Christen said she is concerned that there is only one species that will be replanted. Ms. Stickley asked Jen Hammer if she could make the suggestion to Brad Veach to replant at least 3 different varieties of species of trees. Tom Denney said they could go over this at the next meeting and list this under old business.

c.) Eagle Scout Project

Jen Hammer said Jubal Early from Valley Avenue to Pleasant Valley, some of the landscaping has not been replaced; so as part of the Eagle Scout's project he would like to raise money and replant trees along that area. Jen said Boyer Landscaping will be doing the planting and she also said the Eagle Scout plans to come to the Tree Commission next month with a formal presentation. She said he was not able to present it yet because some of the trees they are requesting to be planted are Redspire Pears and she wanted to check with the Tree Commission and see if Redspire Pears are okay and if not what other species they would recommend. Tom Denney mentioned to the Tree Commission that the Redspire Pears are not on a no planting list. The Tree Commission will let Jen Hammer know the recommendations they have for the project soon.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**CITY OF WINCHESTER
TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT FOR JUNE 2011
SUBMITTED JULY 28, 2011**

EXPENSES and ACTIVITY REPORT: June 2011

CONTRACTOR TRIMMINGS	CONTRACTOR PLANTINGS	CONTRACTOR REMOVALS	TOTAL
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

ACTIVITY REPORT- CONTRACTOR

TRIMMING	PLANTINGS	REMOVALS	STUMP GRINDING
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ACTIVITY REPORT- PUBLIC WORKS

TRIMMING	PLANTINGS	REMOVALS	STUMP GRINDING
Valley Ave/Adams - 2	422 W. Monmouth - 1 (AAT)	Amherst/Selma	
103 Baker Ln. - 1	310 W. Monmouth - 1		
418 S. Kent - 1	946 Kinzel - 2		
638 Bruce St. - 1	222 W. Cecil - 1		
600 Hollingsworth Dr. - 1	1310 S. Braddock - 1		
215 E. Cork - 1	318 Mosby - 1		
E. Cork/S. Cameron - 1	709 Chelsea - 1		
806 S. Cameron - 2	602 Patterson - 1		
S. Cameron /E. Pall Mall - 3	Boscowen/East Ln - 1		
506 S. Cameron - 1	541 Courtfield - 2		
502 S. Cameron - 2	605 Patterson - 1		
422 S. Cameron - 2	Braddock/Leicester - 1		
S. Cameron/E. Clifford - 1			
320 S. Cameron - 1			
316 S. Cameron - 1			
210 S. Cameron - 1			
129 E. Cork - 1			
E. Piccadilly - 7			
610 S. Cameron - 1			
N. Cameron at Community Campus - 1			
N. Cameron at Apple Blossom HQ - 1			
127 N. Cameron - 1			
115 N. Cameron - 2			
19 S. Cameron - 1			
27 S. Cameron - 1			
418 Pleasant Valley - 1			
318 Mosby - 1			
Total: 40	Total: 13	Total: 1	Total: 0