

**MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY
7:30 AM – Wednesday, October 13, 2010
City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room**

Members Present: Peter Loughlin, Chairman Richard Adams, Vice-Chair
Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director June Rogers, Member
Everett Kern, General Forman Carla Marvin, Member
A.J. Dupere, Community Forester

Also present were Dan Hartrey Facility Project Manager and Philip Clermont.

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m.

1. Acceptance of the Minutes – Minutes of the September 9, 2010 meeting were accepted as presented.

2. Tree Removal Requests:

25 Granite St. – (9 trees by the Wentworth School Project) Dan Hartrey showed the Committee plans of the area. There are a handful of trees that need to come down because of the need to regrade where driveways come in off the road. AJ reported a couple of trees in that area that are in poor condition and need to be removed that should be added to the nine.

The Chair stated that the additional trees need to be tagged for a separate public hearing. Steve Parkinson stated that once the 9 trees are out to see if there are additional ones that need to be removed once the project begins.

MOTION made by Steve Parkinson to approve the removal of the nine trees. Seconded by June Rogers. Motion passed.

140 Orchard Street (1 Ash Tree) – Everett Kern stated there is one tree tagged and another is in just as bad a shape and will be tagged for the next public hearing. The one posted is the first one on the right on Orchard and the one to be posted for next month's public hearing is the one closest to the garage.

MOTION made by Richard Adams to remove. Seconded by June Rogers. Motion passed.

Suzanne Drive (tree behind Maple Haven sign) – The tree is dead. **MOTION** made by Everett Kern to remove. Seconded by June Rogers. Motion passed.

38 Willard Ave. – Everett Kern reported this was the homeowner's request. We went to attempt to trim the tree and recommend removing the tree, it is leaning into the street and is not sound. **MOTION** made by Richard Adams to remove. Seconded by June Rogers. Motion passed.

318 Richards Avenue – Everett Kern reported the tree is on the corner of Richards and Lincoln and have extensively trimmed this tree, there is not a lot left and recommend removal.

Mr. Clermont stated this tree is in front of his property. He is in favor of a replacement and extended the offer to put the tree in himself if the City did not have it in their budget. The Chair stated that nothing will be planted until the project is completed.

MOTION made by Steve Parkinson to remove. Seconded by June Rogers. Motion passed.

2. Police Department Request – RE: Arborvitae at Rock Street Park – The Chair presented the Committee with pictures of the area. Steve Parkinson asked AJ if the trees

could be trimmed from the bottom. AJ suggested pruning the lower limbs and still have a view into the park or if more visibility is required, remove every other one.

Steve Parkinson stated there are a lot of activities taking place there and suggested to start with pruning the bottoms so the Police can see in, see how this works and if it's not enough then remove some of them. They would need to be posted if they are to be removed.

MOTION made by Steve Parkinson to trim roughly five ft. up from the bottom for a field of vision. Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion passed.

4. **Status of Tree Ordinance** – The Chair will speak with the City Attorney.
5. **Replacement Trees for Point of Graves Cemetery** - Richard Adams reported he has received a couple of requests from neighbors who are eager to be as cooperative and supportive in anything we do. They would like a few flowering trees that won't grow too big and would thrive in wet conditions. They would like our endorsement that something will be done and to work in a collaborative way.
Steve Parkinson suggested growth of no more than 8-10 ft tall, be water tolerant and is hesitant to plant all the same species.
AJ suggested he and Dick Adams go there and come back with some recommendations.
6. **Thinning of growth on Junkins Ave. causeway, Pleasant St. at Haven Park and Pierce Island Bridge approach** – Dick Adams proposed that these areas be thinned out to allow a few chosen trees to flourish. There are quite a few little saplings attempting to survive at Pleasant St. and also at the entrance to Pierce Island bridge. There are a lot of saplings growing along the causeway that need to be thinned out keeping the healthy ones.
7. **Old Business:**
 - (A) **Mechanic Street Pumping Station** – Everett Kern reported there is water available.
8. **New Business:**
 - (A) Everett Kern reported he has been approached by PSNH that they have some transmission lines on Woodbury Ave. (620–690 Woodbury Ave.). There are two trees there one is directly under their transmissions lines. They will be trimming this tree taking away more than 50% of the tree from top to bottom. It is not an old tree, 4-5” caliber and recommended removal. The second tree can be tip trimmed. Everett Kern will notify the homeowners that it is PSNH and not the City. Everett reported PSNH is recommending the one across the street be relocated before it gets any taller. Everett will speak with both abutters.
 - (B) Richard Adams stated that 3-4 trees are dead along Pleasant St. adjacent to the Citizens Bank parking lot on Junkins Ave. The trees will be posted for the next meeting.
 - (C) Steve Parkinson updated the Committee that our GIS person is working with Fred Borman.
 - (D) The curbing on State St. will continue from where they left off at AGAVA and continue down the street.

9. Next Meeting - Wednesday, November 10, 2010

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Boucas