

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

East Providence Tree Commission

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021

7:00PM at City Hall, Conference Room A

1. CALL to ORDER: 7:00pm, Dr. Carol Auer. Chairperson
2. ROLL CALL: Present: Dr. Auer, Jenn Tierney, Claire Tierney, Patrick Hanner, (Planning Dept). Absent: Councilwoman Anna Sousa, Ronald Nawrocki (Tree Warden)
3. APPROVAL of MINUTES
 - a. J. Tierney made a motion to approve the cancellation of June 24 meeting. C. Tierney seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - b. C. Tierney moved to approve July 2nd minutes. J. Tierney seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT. None presented.
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Weaver Beech Tree Management. Work paid for by RI Tree Council. P. Hanner noted that fertilization of the tree is due next week.
 - b. Tree Inventory. Working on the last few maps.
 - c. Tree Ordinance:
 1. On 7/27 phone call, W. Fazioli agreed with C. Auer to a staff liaison.
 2. Need to research definition of an historic tree
 3. Appointment of City Forester to resume the many duties as defined in the city ordinance.
 - d. Outreach to increase membership in the Tree Commission.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. The Conservation Commission meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. C. Auer will email Keith Gonsalves (chair) suggesting a joint meeting in November with the Tree Commission .
 - b. Capital improvement budget will be submitted to the Planning Board this Wednesday for recommendation to the city council.
 - c. C. Auer will email the mayor and city council re: the Tree Commission's support for the current \$25k Capital improvement, \$5k for maintenance of the Champion Trees near the library including the oak trees along Grove Avenue and appointment of a City Forester.

- d. J. Tierney made a motion to email the budget recommendations this week to the Mayor and City Council. C. Tierney seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. LIAISON REPORTS. None presented

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. J. Tierney made a motion to adjourn. C. Tierney seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Draft minutes prepared by Committee Secretary on September 3, 2021.