

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
East Providence Tree Commission
Regular Meeting
August 3, 2022
East Providence City Hall @ 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order: Carol Auer called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM
2. Roll Call: Present - Joe Gibson, Claire Tierney, Carol Auer, Jenn Tierney, Johanna Walczak,(Planning Department). Absent - Anna Sousa, (city council), Ron Nawacki (Tree Warden).
3. Approval of Minutes: Joe Gibson moved to approve the June 23, 2022 minutes. J Tierney seconded; approved unanimously.
4. Public Comments: No members of the public were in attendance.
5. Old Business:
 - A) Permitting process for city tree removal. Andrea Vargas was expected to speak, but did not attend. A process for reviewing citizen requests was outlined with specific actions to be taken by city residents, DPW staff, and the Tree Commission.
 - B) New web page about city trees. Commission members and staff will prepare sections for the web site in collaboration with city staff.
 - C) Study of Dover Avenue for street tree planting. General discussion on the idea. A basemap needs to be made to identify potential planting sites.
 - D) Planning for Orlo Avenue School tree planting. Commission members and staff took responsibility for actions such as: final site design, tree list, price quote for trees, meeting with School Superintendent and coordination with Parks staff. Proposed planting date in September, 2022.
 - E) Planning for Hennessey School tree planting. Maps were distributed and the site was discussed. Grants or city funds will be needed. The proposed planting date is spring, 2023.
6. New Business
 - A) City budget request for 2022-2023. A draft letter to the city council was reviewed. The hiring of a City Forester was requested. Jenn Tierney made a motion to approve the letter. Claire Tierney seconded with unanimous approval. The letter will be sent to the Mayor and city council members.
7. Liaison Report: Johanna Walczak – A consulting city forester completed the survey of Bullocks Point Avenue tree pits.
8. Adjournment: The next meeting date was tentatively set for September 7, 2022 @ 7PM.
Claire Tierney made a motion to adjourn. Joe Gibson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by Committee Secretary, September 6, 2022