

Advisory Committee on Trees – February 18, 2020

Call to order 7PM

Present: Brian Townsend (staff liaison and Assistant Director Public Works and Parks), Ethel Dutky (recorder), Charles Jackman (Chair), Robert Trumbule (member)

December 12, 2019 minutes accepted with corrections.

Old Business

1 – Replacement of Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree (ERMT).

A Report (ACT Report #2020-1 Jan 24, 2020) was submitted to City Council describing the American Holly cultivar (Satyr Hill) and the location (in the park near the Library and the Community Center), which ACT proposes for the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree. Brian reported that Jim Giese (former City manager) submitted an historical account of the trees which have served as memorials to Mrs. Roosevelt in the past. Mr. Giese supports ACT's plan to locate the new ERMT in the vicinity of the old Center School (now the Community Center) and the Library. ACT plans to attend the City Council meeting where this will be discussed in order to answer questions.

2 – Arbor Day, April 4, 2020.

Public Works is planning a tree planting near the site of last year's Arbor Day. About 45 trees will be planted in the common areas and playground near 46 and 34 Courts Crescent Road.

New Business

1 – Firefly Sanctuary

We discussed the proposal to make part of Stream Valley Park into a Firefly Sanctuary. ACT sees no reason to alter the management practices (mowing, pesticide use) used by Public Works for this heavily used Park. The fireflies are thriving in this area and in other landscapes and parks in Greenbelt. ACT supports installation of educational materials and holding events in this area to celebrate the fireflies.

Next Meeting March 24, 2020 at 7PM at Public Works.

Submitted by Ethel Dutky

Adjourn 9:15 PM