

## **Advisory Committee on Trees – May 24, 2022**

Called to order: 7:05 PM

Present: Charles Jackman (chair, ACT), Ethel Dutky (recorder, ACT), Brian Townsend (staff liaison and Assistant Director Public Works and Parks), Robin Gorsline (guest).

Approved April minutes with corrections.

### **Old Business**

1 - Work on Buddy Attick Park. There is concern about a Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*) in the parking area plan.

Brian reported that the contractor is having a problem finding a Swamp White Oak available for sale. Brian suggests we replace the Swamp White Oak with a Tupelo 'Wild Fire'. ACT agrees that this looks like an excellent tree with bright fall color.

### **New Business**

1 – The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has a plant award for communities doing tree planting programs. Greenbelt will join this group in recognition of the City's tree planting program.

2 – A very old white oak (est. 228 years) recently died.

Brian Townsend reported that Public Works recently removed the remains of the dead tree. A recent article in the Greenbelt News is confused about when the tree was removed and the health of the tree. The tree was dead at removal. It had been in declining health for a number of years prior to removal. Dying trees are very hazardous.

3 – Tree List needed.

ACT needs to prepare a list for street trees. Please note that salt intolerant trees should not be included in this tree list.

4 – Leeann Irwin reported in an e-mail message that John Schmit (a member of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB)) is having trouble finding the large Virginia Pine found in the first walk in the Forest Preserve by ACT and FPAB members on Nov. 5, 2000. It was suggested that Bob Trumbule would be the best person from ACT to help in finding this particular tree. C. Jackman will contact B. Trumbule about this issue.

5 – Brian Townsend reported on the construction in the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park.

The parking is very reduced and currently is not permitted on the right side of the parking lot.

Adjourn at 8:30 PM

Next meeting will be on July 5. (Skip meeting in June.)