

Advisory Committee on Trees - February 21, 2023

Present: Charles Jackman (Chair), Ethel Dutky (recorder), Bob Trumbule (member), Brian Townsend (Liaison and Assistant Director Public Works and Parks), Xavier Courouble (guest).

Called to order at 7:15 P.M.

Minutes from the January 17, 2023, meeting were approved.

Old Business

1 – Tree planting near Greenbriar Condominiums.

There was continued discussion from the previous ACT meeting about the procurement of ‘Accolade’ elm and Ginkgo biloba (male) trees, which could be used as the replacement street trees. Bob Trumbule noted that these trees could be procured from the Angelica Nurseries in Kennedyville, MD, in Kent County on the Eastern Shore. Brian Townsend will arrange for Public Works staff to procure the needed trees in the next few weeks.

2 – Tree Canopy Grant.

Information about the ‘Tree Canopy Grant’ and Guidelines is scheduled to be released in early March by the City of Greenbelt. The applications would be required back by June 1, 2023. Greenbelt homeowners would be eligible to receive up to \$750 in reimbursement with no restriction on the size of the planted trees. Homeowners’ associations and apartment complexes would be eligible to receive up to \$7,000 in reimbursement with a restriction that the planted trees needed to have a diameter of at least 1.5”.

The applications would then be reviewed by the Department of Public Works personnel as well as the Advisory Committee on Trees. The planting of these trees would take place between September 1 and November 30, 2023.

3 – Arbor Day on April 15, 2023.

A Dawn redwood will be planted as a replacement tree for the former Longleaf pine in Schrom Hills Park. Several other trees (likely shadbush, flowering dogwoods, and eastern redbuds) will also be planted in Schrom Hills Park on Arbor Day as part of the event.

New Business

1 – Chesapeake Green Horticulture Symposium.

Brian Townsend attended the Chesapeake Green Horticulture Symposium

on Feb. 16-17 in Linthicum Heights, MD. He learned a great deal about horticulture and tree care and management at the meeting.

2 – Tree damage from wildlife.

It was noted that beavers and, possibly, deer had damaged some trees between the forebay at Greenbelt Lake and Lakecrest Drive.

Adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Next meeting is on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7 P.M. at Public Works.
Respectfully submitted by Charles Jackman