

Advisory Committee on Trees – July 14, 2015

call to order 7PM

present: Charles Jackman (Chair), Robert Trumbule (member), Brian Townsend (City liaison), Bill Phelan (guest), Ethel Dutky (reorder).

Review of June 30 minutes – approved with corrections and additions.

ACT Report #2015 – Recommended Trees for use Under Power Lines.

Charles prepared and has submitted the first of three ACT Reports, as requested by City Council. This report contains a list of specific trees (Identified by genus, species and cultivar) of for medium size (18 to 30 feet) suitable for planting under and near high electric power lines. ACT will work on two additional tree lists requested by City Council: 1 – “Recommended Trees for Park Areas” and 2 - “Recommended Trees for Home Landscapes. ACT will highlight native species to facilitate use in parks which have a policy of “Native plants Only” and for Home owners who wish to increase their use of native plant species. Bill suggested that ACT should produce a second list of “Large street trees” to be used in situations where utility lines are not located. This list would serve as the second half of a list of recommended street trees. Large (30 to 90 feet) trees are a very valuable part of the tree canopy, and should be used wherever it is possible. We agreed that the ACT lists for parks and home landscape use should favor trees with high wildlife value. We made a good start on the “Large Street Tree” list which Bob will compile and send out to the committee for review.

City Council Work Session with PEPCO on tree removal/pruning for line clearance – July 22.

ACT will try to be present at this work session.

Next meeting : August 25, 2015 at 7PM at Public Works.

Adjourn