

Tree Committee

May 2, 2018, Mason Library

I. Lisa Bozzuto called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were members Hilda Banks Shapiro, Michael Piretti, Nan Wile, Michael Wise. Absent: J. B. Brodeur, Beth Moser, Chris Wilshire.

II. Minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2018 were approved, without objection.

III. Old business

A. Tree City USA

Bozzuto reported that our Tree City USA application has been approved.

B. Arbor Day planting

Mike Peretti and National Grid planted 2 trees in Olympia Stadium for Arbor Day (pin oak and red maple)

C. Poetry Contest

Banks-Shapiro reported on the poetry contest. Twenty-seven people entered! The winners are being contacted.

D. EAB Assessment

Lisa Bozzuto, Mike Peretti and Mollie Freliecher (DCR) completed an assessment of ash trees for EAB. Recommendations have been made to the Tree Warden

IV. New business

A. Committee assessment

Bozzuto observed that several of us have been on the committee for seven years or so; should we meet less often? Perhaps quarterly? Or even twice a year, for the budget and for Arbor Day events. Plan to meet four times per year, at the call of the chair. Consensus, yes.

Next meeting first Wednesday in October.

B. Tree warden position

The Tree Warden position has been preserved in the 2019 GB budget proposal

C. Other business

Wile: thanks to our efforts, Berkshire Botanical Garden will be doing the Brookside Manor work this year. Wile proposed promoting workshops about pruning and care. Piretti observed that some local businesses sponsor such things

V. Citizen speak time

Holly Hamer present. Discussion of grants for tree related projects.

VI. General

A. The next meeting, likely to be in October, will be at the call of the chair.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 6 PM.