

2019 FORESTRY AND BEAUTIFICATION
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Georgette Cole, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Attendees: Georgette Cole (Chair), Audrey Maskery (Council Liaison), Cynthia Werts (Recording Secretary), Jay Everhart, Deb Mehlferber, and Joan Mahaffey.

The agenda was approved as amended by consensus. One item was added to Other Business:

1. "Trees in the Grove" bulletin series

The draft minutes from the October 9th meeting were reviewed. Joan made a motion, seconded by Jay, to approve the minutes as written – motion passed 6-0.

Committee Governance Procedures: The committee reviewed Version 1.4 of the draft guidelines for proper governance of Washington Grove committees. The appeals section was deleted in the current draft because Mayor Compton objected to keeping this in the guidelines. Upon review and discussion, several changes were made to the draft proposal on F&B committee governance procedures. Cynthia made a motion, seconded by Deb, to accept the new draft version (Version 2.0), as amended. Upon further discussion, it was agreed to resend the previous vote due to several differences on the current working docs. Jay made a motion, seconded by Georgette, to allow extra time to reconcile these differences. Jay and Georgette will compile a joint document for distribution to committee members in advance of a final vote at the March 2020 meeting.

The committee also reviewed the most recent version of Resolution No. 2019-13 concerning committee governance. After discussion at the September, October, and November meetings, our committee feedback will be sent to the Mayor and Town Council for their review.

Fall Tree Planting: An update on the status of fall tree planting was reviewed. It was noted that four of the trees had been planted to date. The other trees are scheduled to be farm dug at the end of November and Stadler will advise when they will be available for planting. Audrey will contact committee members when the next plantings are scheduled so volunteers can be available to assist with the on-site planting.

GPS Tree Mapping: Discussion on the programs available for providing better latitude/longitude locations of tree locations within the Town will continue at the next committee meeting scheduled in March, 2020.

Master Plan: Upon review and discussion, it was agreed that the paragraph regarding the use of “*Plant Invaders of the Mid Atlantic Natural Areas, current edition*” as a standard reference for identifying non-native invasive species be resubmitted for the next Master Plan work session. This section was originally submitted as F&B master plan material; however, it had been deleted in the most recent MP version.

FEMA/MC/WG Debris Management Plan: The committee went over the proposal to use Woodard Park as a temporary storage location for fallen debris in case of an emergency.

Other Business:

“Trees in the Grove” – Jay will not submit material for the December bulletin and he will work on an article for F&B to be published in the March 2020 bulletin.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Minutes submitted by:

Cynthia Werts