

Town of Henlopen Acres

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MINUTES: Meeting of the Tree Committee of the Town of Henlopen Acres was held on **Friday, November 20, 2015 at 4:00pm** at Town Hall on 104 Tidewaters in Henlopen Acres, Delaware

PRESENT:

David Lyons	Mayor
John Scheurer	Planning Commission Chairman
Freddie Noland	Tree Committee
Nathalie McGregor	Tree Committee
Henry DeWitt	Tree Committee
Thomas Roth	Town Manager
Lisa Michaels	Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:06pm

2. Review Committee Charge Statement

Mayor Lyons discussed the Committee Charge Statement and the expectations for the Tree Committee. The goal of the Commissioners is for the Tree Committee to make recommendations on how to preserve the tree canopy. Since the Town is dealing with trees on town property and also trees on private property, the will need to be addressed differently. There are also at least two different soil types or “zones” in Town where different types of trees will need to be planted. These areas generally follow the current flood plain.

3. Discussion

The committee discussed the expectations Mayor Lyons presented and they all agreed to start with a town evaluation by an arborist. Mr. Roth has a contact from the State Forest Service, who he will contact to attend the next meeting. He will ask for evaluation of the current trees and also suggestions on what types of trees to plant to sustain the tree canopy. The committee agreed to follow the zones according to the flood plain and recommend trees that will survive in each. On the Town property, the maintenance or replenishment of the tree canopy will be addressed first. The committee would also like to define a canopy tree to include a minimum size and height. Mr. Scheurer would like a list of properties not currently contributing to the tree canopy. Mr. Roth will gather that information. He also suggested coming up with a minimum number of trees required per property, specifically in the Town easement. Ms. McGregor would like to evaluate each property individually and balance the trees currently on the property with what would need to be planted in the easement. She suggests starting with the areas of Town where there are currently no trees and plant to rebuild the tree canopy. Ms. McGregor also asked what information new property owners are given regarding trees. Mr. Roth described what each homeowner is given though there is nothing specifically pertaining to trees. She volunteered to write up a paragraph to be included in the welcome packet given to each new property owner addressing the Town tree canopy.

4. Future Meetings

A meeting will be scheduled based on availability of State Forester.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.

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