

Town of Henlopen Acres

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MINUTES: Meeting of the Tree Committee of the Town of Henlopen Acres was held on **Friday, March 24, 2017 at 10:00am** at Town Hall on 104 Tidewaters in Henlopen Acres, Delaware

PRESENT:	John Scheurer	Tree Committee
	Nathalie McGregor	Tree Committee
	Henry DeWitt	Tree Committee
	Freddie Noland	Tree Committee
	Lynda Moses	Tree Committee
	David Lyons	Mayor
	Thomas Roth	Town Manager
	Lisa Michaels	Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am by Mayor David Lyons

2. Review and approval of Minutes September 26, 2016

A **motion** to approve the minutes from September 26, 2016 was made by Henry DeWitt and seconded by John Scheurer. **Motion** passed unanimously.

3. Review and possible recommendation on amendment to the Tree Ordinance

A copy of the draft Tree Ordinance was included in the meeting packet. John Scheurer recommended removing the sentence “this section does not prohibit the planting of trees by adjacent property owners” from section 114 3.1-B. The committee agreed. A **motion** to send the Draft Ordinance as amended to the Board of Commissioners for consideration was made by Mr. DeWitt and seconded by Lynda Moses. **Motion** passed unanimously.

4. Annual Tree Plan

No action taken.

5. Arbor Day

It was decided by the committee after some discussion that Henlopen Acres would have a tree planting celebration on Friday May 26, 2017 at the Marina. This will hopefully encourage a greater town participation since it is expected that a large number of residents will be down for Memorial Day weekend. A notice will be sent out to all residents and an announcement will be put on the Town’s website.

6. Grant Update

Tom applied to the Delaware Forest Service for a tree maintenance grant of \$3300.00. This would cover three days of tree pruning. The Town should receive a response by April 1, 2017.

7. Discussion on sustainability of Block “W”

Tom will contact the Delaware Forest Service and have them evaluate Block “W” and make recommendations.

8. Any other business

Nathalie McGregor would like to make stronger suggestions/recommendations to homeowners about tree planting on private property. At the very least, supply all homeowners with a list of viable trees to plant in Town. Specific tree information will be sent out with the May Newsletter. Ms. McGregor also noted that a large portion of the sapling trees transplanted this past fall appear to be dying. Tom will have Jay Ashby from Cypress Tree Care evaluate them and make recommendations.

9. Next meeting

The next Tree Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday May 22, 2017 at 10:00am

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58am

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Approved 5/22/17