

Town of Henlopen Acres

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TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the **Tree Committee** for the Town of Henlopen Acres was held virtually and in person on **Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 10:00 am** at Town Hall, 104 Tidewaters, Henlopen Acres, Delaware.

PRESENT:	Jeff Jacobs	Tree Committee Chairman
	Andi Pedigo	Tree Committee
	Lee Raesly	Tree Committee
	Henry DeWitt	Tree Committee
	Louise Montgomery	Tree Committee
	Lynda Moses	Tree Committee
	Joni Reich	Mayor
	Kayla Adkins	Town Clerk

1. Call to Order: Jeffrey Jacobs called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
2. Review and Approval of Minutes of Meeting from July 11, 2024

Henry DeWitt corrected the spelling of his last name.

Henry DeWitt made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Lee Raesly seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Update on the Fall tree planting on the Town property

Mayor Reich provided an update on the Fall tree planting on Tree Property. Jeffrey Jacobs reviewed the letter from the homeowners of 17 Tidewaters requesting reconsideration of the planting location. Scott Pinover questioned the reasoning behind choosing the location of the tree planting on the Town property. Mr. Jacobs stated that the location of the tree planting is based on a number of reasons, one of which is to provide for a future canopy tree in an area currently populated with mature trees nearing the end of their natural lifecycle. Mr. DeWitt suggested deferring the planting and choosing another location. Mayor Reich shared concern that more homeowners could potentially argue for needing parking to avoid tree planting. Andi Pedigo stated that there are other potential locations and supported deferring the planting for this year. Mr. Jacobs will share with the homeowner the committee's decision to defer planting trees on the town's right-of-way until such time as their expected renovation is complete.

4. Update on the development of the revised Comprehensive Plan

Lee Raesly provided a brief update on the development of the revised Comprehensive Plan.

5. Resident petition requesting improved protection of the town's tree canopy

Chairman Jacobs provided an overview of the resident petition requesting additional protection of the town's tree canopy. He stated that Mrs. Jacobs will be speaking on this issue at the Board of Commissioner's meeting tomorrow, September 13th.

6. Identification of dates for the next meeting(s) of the Tree Committee

The next meeting will be scheduled for December 11th.

7. Any other business

Andi Pedigo gave a brief presentation on the current tree ordinance for Lake Arrowhead, California. The ordinance states the homeowner must request a permit to remove a tree over 6 inches in diameter.

Henry DeWitt reviewed the recently amended City of Rehoboth Beach ordinance on the removal of trees, and the type of species.

Mr. Jacobs reminded committee members that the current Town Code states that the required tree density for major renovation and new construction is one tree per 2,000 square feet of open space. He suggested we consider adding language that the planted trees shall be those that will ultimately contribute to the canopy and that it is the homeowner's responsibility to replant trees that die.

Lynda Moses suggested creating a column in the next newsletter sharing the importance of the tree canopy.

8. Adjournment: Upon a motion made, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am.