

Bayside Tree Committee Minutes
7/20/2020
5pm Bayview Park

Public comments: many Baysiders present

Many people spoke that the lilac tree should not be removed or it opens the precedent that others will want bushes/trees to be moved for their views.

1. Need a process of determining trees planted and trees moved:
Concerns regarding trees should be brought to the Board. Then, the Board would return the issue to the committee if applicable. Public comments are appropriate to begin process. Then the Tree Committee Members can comment/discuss and should come to a consensus for a decision. The decision will be communicated to the board and involved parties by the Chairperson.
2. Discussion regarding Merrithew Square
 - a. A neighbor of Merrithew Square has requested that the larger lilac be moved elsewhere in Merrithew. The Board of Overseers has asked that the Tree Committee decide how to handle this issue.
 - i. The new process was utilized with public comment followed by committee member discussion. Committee Members felt the bush should not be moved. Many felt that the bush would not survive being moved again. However, it would be appropriate to prune/trim the bush specifically in the Spring. Any earlier could cause damage to the lilac since it was just transplanted.
3. Further information for Project Tree Canopy
 - a. Going forth with the tree planting grant? How will we decide where the trees are placed?
 - i. We will open up recommendations from the public using various websites
 - ii. Committee members will look at Bayside map and determine placement options
 - iii. Trees should be representative of historical trees in Bayside if possible
 - iv. No ash, maple or fruit trees
 - v. Neighbors affected will be contacted
 - b. Update from Project Canopy re brown tail moth - haven't been able to reach anyone yet via phone or email. Lisa will keep trying.
 - c. Delineate next tasks for grant - done over email
 - d. Planning grant discussion with Historical Society (Joe) - Joe will look into any trails /walkways that were in existence before.
4. Tree Inventory Review - didn't have time; should complete in near future
5. Brown Tail Moth Discussion

- a. Vicky is contacting arborists for treatment options and quotes
- b. Then decision will be made soon
- C. If spraying, all community members must be informed of spraying
- d. We will be opening up account to fundraising again
- e.. Communication will go out re plans for fall and spring (most likely times of treatment
- f.. Public comment and discussion was had about various companies and treatment options that have been used.