"There is not a village in America, however badly planned at first, or ill-built afterwards, that may not be redeemed, in a great measure, by the aid of shade trees in the streets ... and it is never too late or too early to project improvements of this kind."

Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852)

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY COMMITTEE 8:00 AM – Wednesday, June 12, 2024

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AGENDA

- 1. Acceptance of Minutes of May meeting. (attached)
- 2. <u>Tree Removal Requests</u>.
 - 45 Colonial Dr: 1 London planetree, good condition, homeowner request. The homeowner is requesting this tree be removed due to issues related to roots entering the underground utility lines.
 - Community Campus Zen Garden: 5 pine, 2 black cherry, and 1 hemlock, poor to good condition, volunteer request, removals recommended by City. These trees will be removed to enhance and facilitate the cleanup of the Zen Garden. (See attached map.) Red flagged.)
 - Community Campus: 1 ash, poor condition, removal recommended by City. This tree is showing signs of EAB infestation. (Near Zen Garden, next to the building.)
 - 63 Clinton St: 1 Norway maple, poor condition, removal recommended by City. This tree is significantly declined.
 - 89 Clinton St: 1 Norway maple, fair condition, homeowner request. This tree has been pruned for deadwood and end weight within the last several years. The tree is stressed and is sending suckers along most branches and leaders. Some cavities exist from old pruning cuts.
 - 71 Sheffield Rd: 1 Red maple, fair condition, homeowner request, removal recommended by City. The central leader is declining, there is a large basal area of decay and carpenter ant galleries, and each significant union is hosting shrubs meaning there is moisture and decomposing material in these spaces.

Old Business:

- 250 Clinton St: revisiting this tree after it was voted to postpone removal from last month. Original description of tree: 1 Norway maple, fair condition, homeowner request. The tree is on the paper-road next to the house. The homeowner is worried the tree will fall onto the house and would prefer it removed. All major leaders are included and attached to the trunk.
- 3. Update of ongoing Tree Planting for the City's 401st
- 4. Old Business
- 5. New Business

Next Meeting Wednesday July 10, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter J. Loughlin, Chair

Attachment: May Minutes