



**Town of Edenton
TREE COMMITTEE
October 16, 2023
3:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers**

The Edenton Tree Committee met in regular session on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Chairman John Morehead, Ellen Colodney, Flint Harding, William Ahearn, and Susan Inglis. Also present was Assistant Town Manager Dewayne Whealton, Landscape Supervisor Tosh Towe, North Carolina Forest Ranger Anthony DeSocio.

Mr. Morehead called the meeting to order. The September minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Mr. Morehead moves on to the first item under old business, pear tree replacement on Broad Street.

Mr. Towe gives an update on the removal and asks for suggestions for tree species replacement.

The Tree Committee has a conversation about tree surrounds and replacement.

Mr. Morehead asks about the street scaping project for Broad Street.

Mr. Whealton states that they have had initial conversations about a parking study but there is no timeframe for an answer of when it will happen.

Ms. Colodney asks if Fosters Holly would be best for the downtown area.

Mr. Towe states that he would like to see evergreens instead of deciduous trees and the trees to be replaced first would be in the jut-outs.

Further discussion is made between the committee about tree surrounds.

Mr. Towe states that he would start tree replacement near Southern Bank and work south, down Broad Street. The trees near the buildings will get the surrounds and the trees in the jut-outs would keep the box.

The tree committee recommends Foster's Holly as the replacement trees.

The pear tree replacement is on hold as tree surrounds and other tree replacement on Broad Street has taken priority.

Mr. Morehead moves on to the next item on the agenda, Tree Walk Brochure.

Mr. Towe states that the loquat, previously located at the Cupola House, is no longer there.

Mr. Ahearn asks if there are any other trees that need to be added to the Tree Walk.

Ms. Inglis asks if the latest brochure had been found.

There is discussion about the Tree Walk Brochure and where to find the latest version.

Mr. Harding suggest an app for the tree walk.

Discussion about the style of new displays for the tree walk.

Ms. Colodney asks if the signs could be embedded in the sidewalk.

Ranger DeSocio states that there are new rangers that need some training on tree identification and that they can do the tree walk.

Mr. Morehead asks for any more information on the tree walk brochure.

Hearing none, Mr. Morehead asks for the landscape supervisors report.

Mr. Towe states that he has no report.

Mr. Morehead moves on to the next item on the agenda, Educational Component.

Ranger DeSocio states that he pulled information from the N.C. Forest Service website about storm damage on city trees. He passes around a packet and details the importance of preparing for storm season by pruning dead trees and creating an incident management team.

Discussion is made about preparing for storm season.

Mr. Morehead ask for anything else to be considered. Hearing none, meeting adjourned.