

LORAX Task Force
Monday, October 23, 2017, 6:30 PM

Attendees: Councillor Steve Dibble, Flora Tonthat, Polly Wilbert
Observers: Darleen Melis, Joyce Kenney

Needed tree release document (transfer of ownership language).

SD: Discussion re gas leak meeting on Nov. 28th at The Enterprise Center.

Champion tree category/Significant tree category

Newton tree application

DM: Verify if property is occupied (honor system, unless a complaint).
Exempt lot (if you plan to stay) just tell the tree warden you plan to take down a protected tree. Newton: just notify tree warden re removal using the Newton form.

Protected Tree: 6-in formula DBH tree protection (agreed)

Insert "caliper" in the measurement for the protected trees.

Protection of significant tree size (same as Springfield?) 20-inch tree diameter. If cut down, a fine....

Discussion of Heritage/Historic Trees.
Skip age as it may be hard to verify.
20-inch diameter or larger????

Discussion re Tree Commission adjudicating cutting down of a tree? Or go to City Council?
Tree Commission makes a recommendation to the City Council.

Darleen will draft language and run it past the group.

Darleen is also going to redraft the ordinance language to mirror the format of the Newton tree ordinance.