

Oriental Tree Board

Regular Meeting

April 1, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Oriental Tree Board was held on Tuesday April 2, 2014 in Town Hall starting at 9:30. Those in attendance, Bob Miller, Ken King, Bob Andrews, Lynne Kaplan, Rob Barefoot, Toni Leavitt, Dick Creighton and Commissioner Barb Venturi.

The meeting minutes for the month of February and March were approved as written.

Old Business:

Discussion held on our involvement in the landscape plan for the new Wal-Mart. Additional suggestions for the plan were discussed. Ken King agreed to respond to Bohler Engineering by email giving these suggestions and bring an end to our involvement in this project. The following is a copy of the e-mail to Jeff Westmoreland of Bohler Engineering:

Jeff:

The Town Of Oriental Tree Board met this morning and found that your plan would serve the interests of our community.

We were disappointed that the storm water detention pond could not be landscaped with trees, as seen at a number of other area sites. We have learned that NCDENR requirements have changed since those ponds were created. Not seen on your plan is the pond itself, which on the previous landscape plan (C-6, dated 10/30/13) is shown containing a wide variety of herbaceous plants. We hope this design survive your revision (LC-1). In bloom, these would be very attractive.

We understand your needs regarding access/circulation for delivery vehicles. Perhaps if there is future expansion of the parking lot provision could be madeto include some interior tree plantings, as at the new, New Bern store.

All in all, I and other members of the Tree Board appreciate the efforts you have made to address some of the concerns of local community members, especially given the limitations of the site.

If I or any of us can provide addition information or assistance, please ask.

Sincerely,

Ken King

Member, Town of Oriental Tree Board

Arbor wrap-up – About 30 people attended the pruning seminar. The comments from the public on the Arbor Day celebration were very favorable.

Removals:

The removal of the dead red maple in front of the Episcopal Church is delayed until next winter.

Removal of crepes at Wall and South Ave postponed until next winter

Pines previously flagged at Falcon and Styron have been removed

Tree on Anchor Way has been removed dead pecan has been removed and replaced with a live oak.

Tree at Sharp residence on High St. has been removed.

Red Cedar on South Water St. OYC has been removed.

Plantings:

Crepe Myrtles have been planted in front of Sharr residence on Windward Drive.

New Business:

Spring pruning will start on Thursday April 10, 2014. We will Area 1 and Dolphin Point.

A work is being put in for heavy dead wood pruning of an Elm on the N/E cor. of 2nd and High Sts.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to plant a live oak on South Ave., and 6 Crepe Myrtles on Windward Dr.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Andrews Secretary