

January 9, 2018

Telephone Comments received from Very Meryhew, former Planning Commission member. Mr. Meryhew reviewed the draft definitions and the draft tree regulations and had three comments, all related to the draft definitions:

TMC 18.06

1. Dripline: note that the comment in parentheses at the end of the definition should be shown as a comment in the margin.
2. Qualified Tree Professional: suggested revising the first sentence to read (revision is underlined and highlighted in yellow): “an individual who is a certified professional with academic and/or field experience that makes them a recognized expert in urban forestry and tree protection.”

Vern commented that the person is required also to be a member of a professional organization, which will involve showing a certain skill set and probably taking courses in order to obtain the accreditation, and he was worried if the person has to have both academic and field experience, we could be eliminating some individuals from being a Qualified Tree Professional who have the required skills needed.

3. Significant Tree: recommends increasing the size of Significant Tree to 6” in diameter.