

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Robert Margadonna; Krayl Funch; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison

Absent: Frank DeLuca

Welcome new Commission member: Krayl Funch.

The minutes for the November 18th meeting were approved. Due to inclement weather the December 16, 2020 meeting was cancelled.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - A review of tree pits on Bridge Street between the river and canal confirmed that several pits are good candidates for Porous Pave type material; will coordinate with Code Enforcement regarding sidewalk issues on 3 & 9 Bridge St. to potentially replace trees at the same time. **Update:** Still waiting for Bridge Street Project to be rebid.

New Business

- **Applications:** No new applications.
- Stump grinding on New Street at Borough Office has been completed and seeded.
- Coordination with the property management company of area along W. Bridge Street for new tree plantings in spring 2021. **Update:** Bob contacted Saul Management.com and they are agreeable to replacing trees. We will split the cost to replace the four trees that were destroyed. They will use PLS. We will get back to them and offer to use this as our Arbor Day event on April 23rd. The trees will be pre-planted for the event. Laurie will contact Mayor Keller regarding his availability to be there. Bob will contact Barbara at Saul Management to coordinate. The time for the event is still to be determined.
- Discussion of potential sites for additional Tree City USA signs; second location southbound entry to the Borough. **Update:** Gloria talked with Tom Carroll. Tom has talked with Pete Gray, Borough Manager, about consolidating multiple signs at the N. Main Street entrance to the Borough. Gloria is waiting to see what Tom has planned for that area. Meanwhile, we can also consider the Visitors' Center on S. Main Street as it is being renovated. Laurie will get back to us on the timeline for that project.
- Updates to the *List of Approved Plants and Shade Trees* in 2021. **Update:** Team will review the Morris Arboretum list of recommended trees to consider due to our warming climate. All recommendations should be submitted by our May 2021 meeting so that our *List* can be updated and finalized by June.
- Potential grant opportunities: Bob looked into a Tree-Vitalize grant from the DCNR. He will look into the requirements for applying for the grant. The Commission received a Tree-Vitalize grant in 2012 and JoAnn should have the document that was submitted at that time. Bob will check with JoAnn for this document.
- Items for the Riverwoods HOA meeting January 25th: Want to know their plan for planting trees. We will share what the Commission's jurisdiction is and how we support the Borough.
- Discussion of potential opportunities for an Arbor Day event: We will plan to plant trees on W. Bridge Street as noted above.
- Newsletter: Plan to have an article and photo(s) of Arbor Day event in the next Borough newsletter. Krayl will contact Laura for putting the Commission's article in newsletter.
- Long-term plans for the STC:
 - Establish a long-range street tree replacement plan, incorporating prudent risk management techniques and trending conditions noted in the 2020 tree inventory.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on February 17, 2020.