

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2021

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

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

The minutes for the January 20th meeting were approved.

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:** No update. Still waiting for Bridge Street Project to be rebid.

New Business

- **Applications:** No new applications.
- Coordination with the property management company of area along W. Bridge Street for new tree plantings in spring 2021; Arbor Day event on April 23, 2021. **Update:** The event is scheduled for Friday, April 23rd. Bob coordinated with Saul Management.com to plant four trees along the parameter of McCaffrey's parking lot. Bob and Krayl will talk with Barbara at Saul Management in early March to review overhead wires, determine the tree species and finalize the planting plans. Will plan to set up tables for the event to provide residents with information on New Hope being a Tree City USA member. Mayor Keller said he would attend; and, other Borough officials will be invited. McCaffrey's and other business owners can set up tables to provide their own giveaways. Krayl is looking into seeing if PHS or the Arbor Day Foundation will provide trees. Gloria will draft a press release and invite the local press to be there on April 23rd. Want to highlight the public/private partnership and McCaffrey's contribution. Laurie will draft a flier to promote the event.
- Discussion of potential sites for additional Tree City USA signs; second location southbound entry to the Borough. **Update:** Members reviewed the potential locations. Laurie will let Peter Gray, Borough Manager, know of our choice of location at the Visitors' Center on S. Main Street. The Center is being renovated. Will need to hear back as to when the site is ready for the sign.
- Updates to the *List of Approved Plants and Shade Trees* in 2021. **Update:** Anita will handle updating the *List*. Will also review current tree inventory to identify any tree species that may be overly represented. Please continue to forward recommendations to her and other team members. Will finalize by June.
- Potential grant opportunities: Bob will reach out to PHS, Bucks Beautiful and the DCNR.
- Riverwoods HOA meeting January 25th. **Update:** Bob, Gloria and Anita attended the HOA Board meeting. They explained to the Board what the Commission's jurisdiction is and how we support the Borough. They will provide notes on the meeting and share ideas with how to mitigate the issue of dying ash trees.
- STC Application Fee of \$10; should this be modified? Laurie said Council approved eliminating the permit application fee to residents. Gloria will update the application form and have it posted to the Borough web site.
- Tree Inventory for 2021: The price is the same as last year: \$3,550. Will be done the first week of May. Discussed including the trees in the Borough parks and parking lots. Laurie will talk to Peter.
- 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 8:09 pm.

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