

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE

Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Ron Gering; Frank DeLuca; Jim Ennis, Zoning Manager

Absent: Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison;

Meeting Note: due to heavy snowfall on Wednesday, February 20th the Borough offices were closed and this meeting was moved to Thursday, February 21st.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 16th meeting minutes.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - How to handle sidewalk work that results in tree root damage. A review of the Borough Ordinance is pending. **Update:** Gloria and Jim will set up a meeting with Tom Carroll in March.
 - 110 Riverwoods Drive: Street tree was removed; zoning interaction pending discussion of “Public vs Private” streets. **Update:** Jim talked with the property owner at 112 Riverwoods Drive (Kim Calicchio). The property owner submitted an application and letter on February 6th stating she does not know where a new tree will be planted.

New Business

- New applications: No new applications.
- Discussion regarding Riverwoods street trees and the applicability of the STC ordinance. The Riverwoods streets are not public streets but, must comply with the Borough ordinance. Gloria met with Rae Brown of the Riverwoods HOA to clarify coordination of ordinance compliance. Zoning ordinance allows for maintaining the tree canopy. Tree replacement requirement is for 15” dbh or larger.
- Junior Council members are working on a tri-fold brochure for January 2019. Update: Waiting to get content from them. Gloria and Laurie will meet with them on February 25th.
- SavATree Inventory: the Commission approved the proposal by SavATree to conduct a re-inventory of the street inventory for \$4,250 to begin in late March or early April.
- Bridge Street project: will be removing a tree to repair and replace the sidewalk. May remove the tree and plant it at Factory Girl location on N. Main Street. Gloria will talk to property owner.
- Need another member. Gloria prepared a posting to place around town to solicit interest in the Commission.
- Frank called attention to trees that need to be replaced at New Hope Manor. This is a Zoning issue. Jim Ennis will reach out to the Manor and to the Fire House about replacing trees.

Ongoing projects

- Review of long-term plans for the STC:
 - Establish a long-range street tree replacement plan, incorporating prudent risk management techniques.
 - Development of tri-fold for distribution to businesses along main shopping areas outlining how and why to maintain street trees. (Benefits of trees, link to STC web page with forms, List of Street Trees and List of Certified Arborists).

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on March 20, 2019