

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Frank DeLuca

Absent: Robert Margadonna; Krayl Funch; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison

The minutes for the April 21st meeting were approved.

Note: Robert and Krayl were absent due to attending Tree Tenders training with PHS.

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 pavement; will coordinate with Code Enforcement regarding sidewalk issues on 3 & 9 Bridge St. to potentially replace trees at the same time – awaiting Bridge Street Sidewalk has been poured; railing to be installed next. One tree (#92) has been permanently removed. **Update:** No update.
 - Updates to *List of Approved Plants and Shade Trees* (June 2021). **Update:** Will review next month.
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.

New Business

- **Applications:** 235 N. Main – Removal: this is an ash tree that is not a street tree; Gloria referred it to Zoning because it is greater than 15” dbh. 49 W. Ferry Street – Removal: wind blew over tree #176, Norway maple, (property owner is Roberta Higgins). Gloria will talk with Peter Gray about having the stump ground and a new tree planted.
- **Updated Tree Inventory:** Have 2021 Inventory; 16 trees have been recommended for removal. Need to do site visits. Some property owners have been notified several times. Standing dead tree #1207 on W. Ferry at Stockton is filled with vines. Will need to send a letter. Will notify Frank Policare, president of the Historical Society about the ash tree at the Parry Barn. Plan to do site visits next week. Gloria will contact Matt at SavATree to get information on the percentage of tree canopy coverage for the Borough.
- Long-term plans for the STC:
 - Ideas for future plantings; bare root tree options; Bucks Beautiful / business partnering (blue stars on the GIS map for future plantings, tree species). Plan to take advantage of bare root tree ordering.
 - 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 7:58 pm.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on June 16, 2021