

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

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

The minutes for the December 15th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** It is possible to buy non-street tree bare root trees through PHS this spring. Riverwoods had to remove several ash trees and could replace some through this source. Bob will contact the Riverwoods HOA Board to determine their level of interest for planting bare-root trees.

New Business

- **Applications:** Property owner, Tuan Tran, of 11 W. Bridge St. requests to have Trees #26 and #27 (Callery pears) trimmed to reduce growth through power lines. Motion made and approved to have trees trimmed by a certified arborist. Property owner provided a quote from McCreesh Tree Service. Recommended they get a second quote from another certified arborist. Gloria will do a site visit to look at the tree. Also, tree #1, the sweet gum at Love Saves the Day has a dangerous limb that needs trimming. Will try to get someone out there within a few days.
- **Tree Review;** letters to be mailed to property owners. One letter went out to 10 W. Ferry Street Property LLC regarding Tree #180, a Norway maple; letter prepared and sent to Pete for his co-signature.
 - **Dead tree at Village 2 entrance:** Krayl will check with Dan Peale, property manager, to see who owns the property with the dead tree. Need to mitigate potential risk.
- **Porous Pave on existing tree pits** in high traffic areas: Laurie suggested doing all tree pits if it can be done without destroying existing healthy trees. Tree pits in front of the Logan Inn have been prepared and are awaiting completion; will see how it goes for those trees (Japanese zelkova). Need to come up with a list of tree pits, then see if we can get a grant for the work.
- **2022 Arbor Day Event Ideas**
 - Coordination with New Hope Historical Society (NHHS): Target date for the event is Friday, April 22nd but the Commission remains flexible to work with the NHHS to set the date and time. Need to incorporate a plan for watering new trees. If it needs to be contracted out it should be worked into the budget. Also, can purchase tree diapers. The Commission has 8 trees in inventory that can be considered for this project. Anita will follow up with Cindy Hall, NHHS Executive Director.
 - Spring bulb planting: could look for areas where we could plant daffodil bulbs. Bucks Beautiful does daffodil plantings. Bob will reach out to Bucks Beautiful about that for this fall.
 - Devining: Will plan to do site visits this spring to de-vine trees.
- **Meeting start time:** will extend the earlier meeting start time of 6:00 pm through March and April. Plan to resume the 7:00 pm in May.
- Long-term plans for the STC:
 - Ideas for future plantings; bare root tree options; Bucks Beautiful / business partnering.
 - Establish a long-range street tree replacement plan, incorporating prudent risk management techniques and trending conditions noted in the tree inventory.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Next meeting: 6:00 pm on February 16, 2022