

NEW HOPE BOROUGH
Wednesday January 21, 2026 6:00 PM

Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
Community Room – 125 New Street

 X Gloria Broeker, Chair X Anita Maximo X Frank DeLuca
 X Krayl Funch X Stasia Kauriga

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Gloria Broeker.

The minutes for the December 17th meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Pending items:
 - Arbor Day celebration possibilities:
 - Environmental Club NHSHS –
 - Electric Vehicle / Earth Day event: Will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026.
 - Removal and replacement of two stumps with new trees: **Update:** Leo MacDonald let Gloria know that there is a landscape plan for that area, and they are not interested in the ginkgo tree.
 - Students will provide an update on the landscape plans on January 28 at 10:30am and we have been invited to meet with them.
 - Plantings at 45 N. Main Street OR at 105 N. Main Street:
 - 45 N. Main: The decision was made to hold our Arbor Day event here and to coordinate activities with the owner of The Factory Girl.
 - 105 N. Main: Gloria will let Richard Gacek know that we will not have the event at his property.

New Business:

- **Borough Council Liaison:** Due to a decision made by Council, the Commission will no longer have a Council Liaison.
- **Applications: 45 N. Main St. (Tree #313 Remove/Replace)** Business owner, Kimberly Scola, has asked to replace the ginkgo with one of the following: redbud, flowering dogwood, crabapple, cherry or serviceberry. A motion was made and approved to replace the ginkgo with a redbud tree. Gloria will contact Kimberly regarding the timing of the tree removal and sidewalk repairs. Stasia will check with her business partner about placing the ginkgo tree on his property. Options for moving the ginkgo will be discussed further.
- **NWF Trees for Wildlife:** Gloria was notified that our grant application was approved. We have to provide documentation two weeks after our Arbor Day Event for the tree seedlings we purchase. The minimum purchase is 100 trees. Species to be purchased include swamp white oaks, eastern red cedars and redbuds.
- **Tree City USA Growth Award Submitted: Update:** We have been approved through the state and await final approval from the Arbor Day Foundation.
- **Green Initiative Project – Krayl and Stasia. Update:** Krayl was informed by Pete Gray that she and Stasia have been approved to serve on the project. The committee meets on the third Monday of each month.
- **PHS Bare Root Trees:** The decision was made not to purchase bare root trees this year.
- Long-term plans for the STC:
 - Ideas for **future plantings**; bare root tree options; Bucks Beautiful / business partnering.
 - Tree Tenders group pruning: partner with others or separately (March/April).

- Monitor a long-range street tree replacement plan, incorporating prudent risk management techniques and trending conditions noted in the tree inventory; to be done in conjunction with TCUSA Growth Award outline and the Borough Comprehensive Plan.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next meeting: February 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.