

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison; Frank DeLuca; Krayl Funch (via Zoom);

Emma Connolly, New Hope Historical Society

Absent: Robert Margadonna

The minutes for the January 19th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.

New Business

- **Applications:** None.
- **Tree Review:**
 - **Dead tree at Village 2 entrance:** Tree is between Village 2 and the home owner on West Mechanic Street. PECO had Asplund cut back this walnut tree a few years ago. V2 property manager checks the tree annually. Could have the tree carved into a totem pole or other art form.
- **2022 Arbor Day Event Discussion**
 - Emma Connolly attended the meeting to represent the New Hope Historical Society (NHHS). This year the Commission is partnering with NHHS to plant trees at the Parry Mansion.
 - Arbor Day Event Details: April 22, 2022; the timeframe for the event is TBD. Setup for it will be on the side of the mansion where the porch is located.
 - Location and number of plantings at the Parry Mansion: NHHS has contracted with A Garden in Thyme (landscaping company) to work on landscaping. Of the trees in the Commission's inventory, NHHS would like four trees: 2 American hornbeams, 1 Kentucky coffee tree, and 1 green hawthorn. The planting plan is in progress. Gloria will check with Hugh Marshall about planting the trees. Will need to provide him with the landscape plan. Also discussed including other local organizations: Friends of the Canal, Bucks Beautiful and Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve. These non-profits participated in last year's event and may be interested in setting up tables with their information. Krayl will review the letter to partners from last year and begin working on a new one for this year. Emma said the NHHS marketing communications will include Constant Contact, Facebook, and Instagram. They have someone that does graphics. Gloria suggested coming up with a list of giveaways or prizes, such as "Did you know?" leading up to April 22nd and have a contest to promote the event. Emma will follow up with Cindy Hall, NHHS Executive Director, in preparation for the event.
- **Bucks Beautiful** – Fall plantings of daffodil bulbs: Will follow up at next meeting. Potential locations: Odettes, hillside near mural on South Main and at Penn Community Bank.
- **Porous Pave on existing tree pits:** Will do site visits tomorrow morning, February 17, meeting at 9:30 am at Starbucks. Anita noted that Penn State Extension sent out a notice this month that the sale of Callery pear trees are now banned in Pennsylvania. This non-native tree aggressively takes over natural areas. Over 30 street trees are Callery pear. When reviewing tree pits these trees should be considered for removal and replacement with native trees. Anita will provide the notice to Laura Kent for posting on the website.
- 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 7:10 pm.

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