

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2022

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

Others present: Anita Maximo; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison; Frank DeLuca; Krayl Funch (via Zoom); Cynthia Hall, New Hope Historical Society

Absent: Robert Margadonna

The minutes for the February 16th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
 - **Bucks Beautiful** – Fall plantings of daffodil bulbs. **Update:** No update.

New Business

- **Applications:** 27 W. Mechanic (remove/replace); tree #188 Honey locust. Tree comes within two feet of a utility pole. Property owner Mike Dalewartz wants to remove it. Motion made and approved to have the tree removed and replaced. Gloria will provide him the approved List for a replacement tree.
- **Tree Review:** Letters to property owners: 10 W. Ferry, Logan Inn. A second letter was sent, waiting for a response. Gloria will follow up again.
- **2022 Inventory Update Proposal (SavATree):** Gloria negotiated with SavATree to keep the cost the same as last year, which is \$3550. Motion made and approved to accept the proposal to update the tree inventory.
- **2022 Arbor Day Event Discussion**
 - Coordination is with the New Hope Historical Society: Cindy Hall, Executive Director.
 - Date and time of event: April 22nd between 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Will have a reading of the Arbor Day proclamation. Gloria will ask Connie Gering, Council President, to read the proclamation. Gloria will talk about Arbor Day and Cindy will talk about the landscape work being done at the mansion.
 - Planting plan for the Parry Mansion: Commission's trees have been transferred to this project.
 - Hugh Marshall will donate time/effort to plant trees, which will be sometime about two weeks ahead of the event. Cindy has been in contact with Hugh and will let us know the schedule.
 - Notification to partners, newspapers: Cindy uses Constant Contact, social media platforms and Bucks County Herald to advertise. Regarding the use of a logo, the Arbor Day Foundation has a logo that can be used. Cindy will look on their website for that logo and will work on a flier for the event. The Commission will put fliers on bulletin boards in town. Cindy will do a direct blast, post on the NHHS website and can prepare the fliers for posting in town. Krayl will contact Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve and Bucks Beautiful to see if they want to set up tables with information. Cindy said they use A Garden in Thyme for landscape maintenance and they come weekly to tend to plants. Other work includes restoration along the creek with plantings. Buffer is open now and being built out with native plants and trees to the outhouse. More trees will help bring the water temperature down by reducing how open it is to sunlight. Will be using volunteers and have active work in progress. Will meet with everyone that works there to provide the guidance needed to keep the trees watered and healthy.
 - Cindy has ideas for including children. Asked Anna from A Garden in Thyme for ideas to include children with an interactive activity. Asked Christine from Fun & Fancy Faces to do face painting.
 - In case of rain: NHHS has a tent that is 10' x 12' to set up in the yard. Have tables and chairs. Will use ground signs to direct people to the event. Talked about having a local musician donate or play during the event. Frank will work on this. NHHS has a PA system with speakers. Will have Gloria, Cindy and Connie speak at the event.
- **Site visits:** need to do site visits of tree pits on South Main Street. Gloria will schedule for next week.

- **Growth awards for Tree City USA:** Anita will distribute via email the pdf for the Growth Award Activities from the Arbor Day Foundation. The Commission will need to identify objectives for garnering a growth award in 2022. Will discuss in April or May meeting.
- 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 7:07 pm.

Next meeting: April 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m.