

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

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

The minutes for the March 17th meeting were approved.

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 Project to be rebid. **Update:** Sidewalk has been poured; railing to be installed next. One tree (#92) has been permanently removed.
 - Updates to *List of Approved Plants and Shade Trees* (June 2021). **Update:** Will use the 2021 inventory from SavATree for analyzing tree species data.
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
 - Tree Inventory update for 2021: **Update:** SavATree will start updating the inventory on May 3rd. It will include the trees in the Borough parks and parking lots.
 - Tree City USA sign: **Update:** sign was placed on N. Main Street for southbound entry into New Hope Borough.

New Business

- **Applications:** No new applications.
- **Arbor Day Event:** April 23, 1:00 – 3:00 New Hope Shopping Center
 - Spreadsheet with invitees / attendees: Reviewed list of Participating Merchants and giveaways. Photo board will display pictures of the tree plantings. Mayor Keller will read proclamation; Borough Manager and Council president will also be in attendance. Will have a total of 5 tables; participating merchants will set up their own tables.
 - Drawings for prizes: Prizes are being provided by JerseyMike's and TruValue.
- Cleaning tree pits: Hugh Marshall has volunteered equipment to clean the tree pits. We will plan to do this in May or June.
- Project 169 at 157 N. Main Street: 20 to 30 trees were removed. Property owner plans to replant 21 trees, 7 will be street trees. Landscape plans for street trees need to be submitted to the Commission for review and approval.
- Long-term plans for the STC:
 - 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 7:55 pm.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on May 19, 2021