

## NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes for May 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Krayl Funch

Others present: Anita Maximo; Frank DeLuca; Peter Edwardson, Edwardson Construction; Anthony Hibbeln, Hibbeln Engineering

Absent: Gloria Broeker, Chairperson; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison; Robert Margadonna

The minutes for the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

### Old Business:

- Pending items:
  - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
  - **Tree Review:** Annual inventory update is underway.

### New Business

- **Applications:** 136 N. Main Street. Peter Edwardson provided a site plan for this address, which includes the removal of two street trees (#44 and #45) that are between the sidewalk and the street. One tree is where the new driveway will be and both trees are growing into the utility wires. The two trees will be replaced with three new trees on the property side close enough to the sidewalk to be street trees. They will return with a landscape plan once it is ready. Provided and reviewed with them the *List of Approved Plants and Shade Trees*.
- **2022 Arbor Day Event: Lessons Learned**
  - Increase number of invitations: need to be more involved in posting on social media.
  - Need more advanced planning in promoting the event and consider a small budget for posters.
  - Increase signage that says “Free Admission” or “Free Arbor Day Event”.
  - Consider a different day and/or timeframe; avoid coinciding with Earth Day and ShadFest.
  - Get on partners’ calendars earlier so someone is available (Bowman’s Hill, Friends of the Canal)
  - Research ideas from other Arbor Day events.
  - Have more control over planning and set up of the event.
- **Tree Pits – Porous Pavement**
  - Thirty-two potential pits on Main and Bridge Streets: Discussion focused on high foot-traffic area at the intersection of Main and Bridge streets. Consider finishing the first block of South Main on the west side of the street and also do the east side. Also consider doing the south side of West Bridge Street as has been previously discussed.
- **Growth awards for Tree City USA:** Will discuss in our June meeting.
- Long-term plans for the STC:
  - Ideas for **future plantings**; bare root tree options; Bucks Beautiful / business partnering.
  - Extend PHS bare root tree offer to Home Owners Association of Riverwoods.
  - Tree Tender group pruning, partner with others in 2023; Growth Award TCUSA.
  - 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 8:24 pm.

**Next meeting: June 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**