

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Robert Margadonna; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison

Absent: Krayl Funch, Frank DeLuca

The minutes for the May 25th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
 - **Tree Review:** Review is completed; waiting for the link to the updated inventory. Anita will update the data on native/non-native species.
 - **Arbor Day Event:** Need to do more work in promoting the event, including social media. Will do more planning later in the year for the next event in 2023.

New Business

- **Applications:** None.
- **Tree Pits – Porous Pave**
 - Thirty-two potential pits on Main and Bridge Streets: **Update:** Gloria is meeting with Hugh Marshall to get assessment of which tree pits can be done without the trees being removed. Need to know how feasible it is.
 - Fourteen trees need to be replaced on Bridge and Main streets.
- **New Hope Shopping Center:** has two dead red maple trees. PLS is contracted to care for trees on this property. Bob will contact the property management company to see if they will replace the trees.
- **Growth awards for Tree City USA:** Has five categories for awards, which provides a framework for the Commission to develop a long-range plan. Gloria will create an outline to review and discuss at the next meeting.
- **Tree Checkers:** Information on training for this program is available online through PHS.
- **Bucks Beautiful** – Fall plantings of bulbs. **Update:** Bob - need to figure out where to plant bulbs.
- 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 8:22 pm.

Next meeting: July 20, 2022, 7:00 p.m.