

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

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

The minutes for the July 20th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
 - **Tree Review – Letters: Update:** Sent another letter to property owners at 57 W. Mechanic Street regarding the need to remove dead limbs overhanging the street.

New Business

- **Applications:** 9 W. Mechanic St. (trim), Tree #295: Request from Amanda Newman (restaurant owner, John Radwell, property owner) to trim tree. Also got a quote for all four crabapple trees (trees 296, 297, 298 as well as tree #295) on West Mechanic. Motion made and approved to have the tree(s) trimmed.
- **Tree Pits – Porous Pave**
 - Thirty-two potential pits on Main and Bridge Streets; pursuing eleven (11) pits this year: **Update:** Gloria selected 11 tree pits that should be easy to do. Got a proposal from Hugh Marshall, which includes the price per tree. Gloria talked to Peter Gray, Borough Manager, about the new process of putting Porous Pave in tree pits where the existing healthy trees will remain in place.
- **Growth awards for Tree City USA (TCUSA): Update:** Anita will take a further look at specific items for this year's goal.
- **Tree Checkers:** Database updated after review. **Update:** The team did site visits to check the status of the recently planted trees from PHS. Gloria uploaded the data to Tree Checkers. Trees that were planted at Hugh Marshall's property were either dead or in poor shape. Gloria had left two tree diapers with Hugh, but they were not used. All other trees were in good condition.
- **Borough Newsletter:** Arbor Day; Tree Checkers; Rutgers Tree Farm Visit: Krayl will write the next article about the Tree Checkers and the work completed on tree pits. Article is due by August 31.
- **Arbor Day 2023:** Laurie will talk with Louise (Parks and Recreation Committee) about partnering for an Arbor Day event next year.
- **DeVine Intervention:** schedule date/time: Focus is on Borough Property and parks. Plan to find a date in mid-September, possibly Tuesday, September 20. Gloria will follow up via email.
- **Bucks Beautiful – Fall plantings of bulbs. Update:** No update.
- 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. **Update:** Bob will present information and recommendations to the HOA Board at their meeting on August 22.
 - Tree Tender group pruning: plan to partner with others in 2023.
 - Establish a long-range street tree replacement plan, incorporating prudent risk management techniques and trending conditions noted in the tree inventory; to be done in conjunction with TCUSA Growth Award outline.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next meeting: September 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m.