

## NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2021

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

Others present: Anita Maximo; Frank DeLuca; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison; Kurt and Cinda Ball, residents

Absent: Robert Margadonna; Krayl Funch

The minutes for the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved.

### Old Business:

- Pending items:
  - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
  - Tree Canopy Percentage (i-Tree Canopy). **Update:** Using the i-Tree app, Gloria input 300 arbitrary data points and found the tree canopy to be approximately 49%. This amount of data is sufficient to determine the canopy coverage for the Borough. We will research to determine the recommended percentage of tree canopy.

### New Business

- **Applications:**
  - 58 W. Bridge St. (Removal): Requested to remove a Norway maple (observed tree on the tree inventory). Three issues: branch is large, has a large section that is splitting and has fungus growing on it. Arborist determined the tree is failing and should be removed. Property owners plan to replace the tree and will work with their arborist to determine siting and tree species that would do well. They were provided the *List of Approved Shade Trees* for consideration in making a selection. Motion was made and approved to have the Norway maple removed and replaced.
- **Updated Tree Inventory:** letters to property owners. **Update:** The team did site visits to determine which properties have taken care of tree issues. Several tree issues had been taken care of; some sites will require follow up letters. Letters will be signed by STC Chair and the Borough manager.
- **Fall newsletter:** Deadline for submission is Friday, September 27. Krayl will draft a submission with our Arbor Day tree planting event. Also want to highlight the updated tree list.
- Looking for options for buying bare-root trees. Send out Penn State extension email with tree and shrub sale. These are small trees in containers that can be purchased for future use and planted on Borough property by Tom Carroll. Try to finalize list of trees to purchase by August 30.
- Laurie is confirming the amount of our budget remains to be used this year.
- Long-term plans for the STC:
  - Ideas for future plantings; bare root tree options; Bucks Beautiful / business partnering: need to complete list of site options for August meeting. Some sites are at the High School. Want to include students with tree planting event.
  - 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 7:48 pm.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on September 15, 2021