

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

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

The minutes for the August 18th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
 - Tree Canopy Percentage (i-Tree Canopy). **Update:** Gloria talked with Dana Dentice from PHS about the desired minimum percentage of tree canopy. Philadelphia currently has about 20% and the national average is around 40%. Dana will get back to Gloria about other data sources for tree canopy coverage.

New Business

- **Applications:** No new applications.
- **Letters to property owners:** 131 N. Main Street; the Historical Society; 10 W. Ferry (Logan Inn parking lot); and, 53 N. Main Street. Letters were already sent; still waiting for property owners to respond.
- **Bare root trees** are available through PHS Tree Tenders. Gloria submitted an application for creating a New Hope Tree Tenders group. Considering to purchase native species: American hornbeam, green hawthorn, red maple, sugar maple and swamp white oak trees. Trees are 1.5 to 2.0 inches in caliber and are \$55 each. Trees will need to be picked up at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on November 17. Gloria will contact Hugh Marshall for assistance with picking up the trees.
- **Annual Report** is due November 1st. Gloria will have the report available in a few weeks for team review.
- **Fall newsletter:** Krayl wrote and submitted an article for the Commission, which included photos from our Arbor Day tree planting event.
- Tree pits at the Logan Inn need to be finished. Team will look at the trees and provide Gloria with their recommendations for finishing the tree pits.
- Tree City USA applications are due now and Gloria is working on submitting the renewal for next year.
- Long-term plans for the STC:
 - Ideas for future plantings; bare root tree options; Bucks Beautiful / business partnering. Will contact the Historical Society on trees issues at the Parry Mansion and Barn. May be able to help with removal of dead tree at the Barn and with tree replacements fitting to the history of the site.
 - 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 October 20, 2021