

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2022

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

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

The minutes for the August 17th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
 - **Tree Review – Letters: Update:** No additional letters were sent.

New Business

- **Applications:** 118 New Street (Tree #199, Callery Pear), and 122 New Street (Tree #1217, Norway Maple; also Hackberry at north side of house) requested to Remove/Replace trees. **Update:** Motion was made and approved to allow the property owners (Andree Tarantiles) at 118 New Street to remove and replace Tree #199. Tree #1217 and the hackberry were reviewed by Zoning and allowed to be removed.
- **Tree Pits – Porous Pave:** Thirty-two potential pits on Main and Bridge Streets; pursuing eleven (11) pits this year: **Update:** Gloria designed a flier to hand out to shop and property owners on Bridge and Main streets. We will set a date early next week for the team to hand out the fliers in person to the business owners. Property owners will receive their notices via the postal service or email.
- **Growth awards for Tree City USA (TCUSA): Update:** Applications open in September on the TCUSA website. Gloria and Anita will work on the submission in early October.
- **Arbor Day 2023 – Parks & Rec Collaboration:** We were asked to meet with them at their October meeting. Laurie will ask Louise Feder if they would like to attend our October 19th meeting. We are invited to attend their Storytelling event on September 29th at the Community Center.
- **DeVine Intervention:** The team met on September 20 and removed vines from trees on Borough Property, Lenape Park and Ferry Landing.
- **Meeting Time** – Options are to change to 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. or leave at 7:00 p.m., effective October through April. Team members agreed to have meetings start at 6:00 p.m. starting in October through March. Laurie will check with Pete Gray about publishing the change to the meeting start time.
- **Bucks Beautiful** – Fall plantings of bulbs. **Update:** Will talk with Parks & Rec about planting the 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. **Update:** 30 trees are going to be planted, 5 in the Borough and 25 in Riverwoods. The HOA is purchasing all of the trees. Gloria cleared the purchase with Peter Gray. Hugh Marshall is picking up and planting all of the trees. Bob purchased tree wraps to protect the tree trunks from deer.
 - 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.
 - Krayl recommended tagging the native trees with information on tree species. Will put on agenda for next month.
 - Anita told about a new problem affecting beech trees called beech tree leaf disease. Currently there is no treatment available for this fatal disease. Three copper beech trees are in Good condition in our inventory. Will need to check on them regularly.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting: October 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.