

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2021

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

Others present: Anita Maximo; Frank DeLuca; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison; Robert Margadonna; Krayl Funch; Frank Policare, President, New Hope Historical Society

The minutes for the September 15th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.

New Business

- **Historical Society:** Frank Policare – synergy with STC; removal of ash tree: Frank said that the dead ash tree behind the Parry barn plus two other trees near the Parry mansion are being removed. Penn State Extension came out to review the riparian buffer. The sycamore tree at the creek has bare roots due to erosion from hurricane Ida. Will be planting 8 feet back and putting in a riparian buffer. Also putting in some live stakes. In the process of receiving a tract of land on the other side of Ferry Street that the Historical Society will be responsible for maintaining. Land was owned by George Michael; Pam and Steve Can donated their land to the Historical Society. Working to get monies from Friends of the Conservation easement and others. Looking to work with the American Chestnut Association to plant chestnut trees. Laurie asked Pete Gray about process for submitting invoice for offsetting costs of tree removal for the Society. The Commission will plan to contribute \$500. Anita will follow up with Cindy Hall for 4th Friday in April 2022 for Arbor Day event.
- **Applications:** 84 W. Mechanic St. (Remove/Replace): two trees that are not in our inventory but are street trees. Property owner wants to remove and replace. Will replant using the approved *List*. Motion made and approved.
- **Updated Tree Inventory;** letters to be mailed to property owners.
- **PHS TreeVitalize Bare Root Tree order and pickup:** Purchased 10 trees at \$55 each. Hugh Marshall will assist with picking up the trees. He will heel in the trees in his landscape. Need check made payable to PHS for pickup on November 17th.
- **Annual Report:** final review and submission is due November 1st.
- **Logan Inn:** preparing to install Porous Pave in tree pits along Main Street.
- **49 W. Ferry:** having stump ground. We will have Porous Pave installed along with new tree. Property owner paid \$50 for tree. Estimate is \$1400 for preparing area, installing a new tree.
- **Additional** planting location for replanting: 42 N. Main Street. Need to know if stump is ground.
- **Laure:** will request to increase the budget 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 8:14 pm.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on November 17, 2021