

## NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

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

The minutes for the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

#### Old Business:

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

#### New Business

- **Meeting start time:** The meeting start time will change to 6:00 pm for December, January and February.
- **Applications:** 76 W. Bridge St. (Remove/Replace, tree #144, which is listed as 74 W. Bridge St. on the Inventory): Property owner Katie Williams wants to remove and replace a European hornbeam. Motion made and approved to have the tree removed. She will replace using the approved *List*.
- **Updated Tree Inventory;** letters to be mailed to property owners (42 N. Main). Letter sent to let them know a bare root tree will be used to replace the tree.
- **PHS TreeVitalize Bare Root Tree order and pickup:** Hugh Marshall will be picking up the trees on November 18 in Philadelphia. Gloria will go along.
- **Borough Tree Work and Budget:** Will be donating \$500 towards removing the dead ash tree. The Commission's budget to be increased to \$15,000 for 2022. Projects for next year to include tree pits on West Bridge, which includes the sidewalk repairs. Remaining budget for 2021: Gloria met with Pete and Tom regarding the Borough's trees that need to be removed. Four trees at the Borough parking lot (near the Community Center) and one at the Verizon parking lot. Gloria has one tree service that can meet the deadline of November 30.
- **Team will do site visits** prior to the December meeting for items that are pending.
- **Laurie will provide to Council** at the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting a presentation on the Commission's accomplishments in 2021. Note: Borough Council meets on the third Tuesday each month.
- 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 7:33 pm.

**Next meeting: 6:00 pm on December 15, 2021**