

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Krayl Funch;

Absent: Frank DeLuca; Bob Margadonna; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison

The minutes for the February 15th meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
 - PHS bare root trees. **Update:** Ordered 15 bare root trees for New Hope Historical Society to plant at the Parry Mansion. Need to pick up trees on April 19th at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia. We think A Garden in Thyme will be planting the trees. Gloria will follow up with Cindy Hall and Anna Davis about picking up and planting the trees.

New Business

- **Applications:** None.
- **Arbor Day – New Hope Historical Society (NHHS) partnership:**
 - Arbor Day event will be on either Friday, April 28 or Saturday, April 29. Need to solidify the date with Cindy Hall. Need to do more promotions for the event in newspapers and other publications as well as online media.
- **Budget 2023:**
 - Total budget is \$29,000.
 - SavATree inventory cost is \$3,550.
 - Tree pit work will cost approximately \$12,235.
 - Will have approximately \$12,000 remaining for other expenses.
- **Newsletter write-up is due the first week of March:**
 - Krayl will write an article. Some ideas: De-vine intervention work over the summer; continuation of the PorousPave in tree pits; partnership with NHHS and Riverwoods HOA. Also need to include information on 2023 Arbor Day Event.
- **Social Media Presence (Bob):** No update. Will discuss in March.
- **Parks & Recreation Committee (P&R) collaboration:**
 - Relocate hackberry at Ferry Landing Park. **Update:** Gloria and Anita met with Beth Hasher, P&R, about the trees planted near the Green Roof Park. Also, there was a bare root hackberry planted at Ferry Landing. It was supposed to be planted near the Green Roof Park. It needs to be switched out with one of the swamp white oak trees.
- **Bucks Beautiful:** Fall plantings of bulbs. This can be discussed P & R along with Arbor Day collaboration.
- Long-term plans for the STC:
 - Ideas for **future plantings**; bare root tree options; Bucks Beautiful / business partnering.
 - 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.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next meeting: March 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m.