

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Krayl Funch; Bob Margadonna; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison; Chrissie Skibell, resident

Absent: Frank DeLuca

The minutes for the February 15th meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
 - PHS bare root trees. **Update:** The bare root trees for planting at the Parry Mansion have been ordered. A Garden in Thyme will pick up trees on April 20th at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia.

New Business

- **Applications:** None.
- **Arbor Day – New Hope Historical Society (NHHS) partnership April 28 12:00pm, Arbor Day 1:00pm**
 - NHHS portion will start at noon, then segue to STC and Arbor Day.
 - Planting 15 bare root trees ahead of the event.
 - Will share the Mission of STC.
 - Bob will do a flyer for the event. Laurie will post it to the Borough website.
 - Krayl will do a blurb for newspapers: The Intelligencer, Herald and New Hope News.
 - Communication will be sent to Friends of the Del. Canal (Bob), BHWP (Krayl), Bucks Beautiful (Bob).
 - Ask for Jersey Mike's, McCaffrey's, Starbucks and Wawa for food donations.
- **Need a chairperson for April meeting:** Krayl will chair the April meeting. Gloria will schedule a meeting in early April.
- **Social Media Presence (Bob):** Currently the Commission has postings on the Borough's Facebook page. Borough does not have staff to handle additional social media postings.
- **Tree Pits:** Gloria sent requests to Hugh Marshall, SavATree and T&T for bids. T&T responded that they do not do tree pits. Still waiting for responses from the other two companies.
- **New Hope Shopping Center:** Will look into providing a replacement tree for one that was damaged. Will need to talk with the management company first about providing water for new trees.
- **Dead Tree:** Off of East Bridge in the park. Laurie will check with Pete and JoAnn to identify property owner and have zoning send a letter to have the dead tree removed.
- **Parks & Recreation Committee (P&R) collaboration:**
 - Relocate hackberry at Ferry Landing Park. **Update:** A hackberry is not suitable for this site. Will have it removed and replanted near the Community Center. One of the swamp white oak trees can be planted in its place at Ferry Landing Park.
- **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 7:32 pm.

Next meeting: April 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m.