

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Gloria Broeker

Others present: Anita Maximo; Bob Margadonna; Frank DeLuca

Absent: Krayl Funch; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison

The minutes for the April 19th meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
 - Tree pit project. **Update:** Approved for spending \$19K. Waiting for Hugh Marshall to give a start date.
 - TCUSA Growth Award: **Update:** Gloria is following up on the status.

New Business

- **Applications:** 76 S. Main Street email to remove dead hawthorn tree. **Update:** Gloria spoke with the property owner. She asked Hugh Marshall to provide a quote to remove the stump and cap the electrical that is on the stump. Gloria will follow up with property owner about a replacement tree that will be planted in another location better suited for a tree.
- **Parks & Recreation Committee (P&R) collaboration:**
 - Relocate hackberry at Ferry Landing Park. **Update:** Hugh Marshall will be relocating this tree.
 - **Bob talked to Beth Hasher** about daffodils available through Bucks Beautiful; they will put on their P&R agenda to discuss locations for planting daffodil bulbs. Bob will follow up with Beth.
- **Letters to property owners based on tree inventory results.** **Update:** Gloria provided letters to JoAnn for two properties: 34 Chestnut Street and 136 N. Main Street where trees need to be removed and replaced.
- **Tree was removed at Nektar restaurant:** A dead tree located along the creek was removed. Bob will follow up with property owner Nick Gialias about the possibility of planting a replacement tree.
- **Property for sale at 35 N. Main Street:** Need to make the trimming of large dead wood from London planetree (tree #82) a contingency of sale for this property.
- **Updated Street Tree Inventory:** To do: Look at tree pit locations (Gloria will send out the document) and make recommendations on what tree species to plant.
- 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 7:18 pm.

Next meeting: June 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.