

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Gloria Broeker

Others present: Anita Maximo; Laurie McHugh; Frank DeLuca; Krayl Funch; Pamm Kerr, resident

Absent: Bob Margadonna;

The minutes for the June 21st meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No grants available at this time.
 - 77 N. Main Street: Pamm Kerr brought concerns about the property being over-grown.
 - Tree pit project. **Update:** PorousPave project has begun and 11 of the 13 tree pits have been completed.
 - Jorge Fernandez had issues with the new trees planted on South Main Street being too small. Gloria, Peter Gray and Hugh Marshall met with George and agreed to plant some larger caliper trees. Hugh found some purple leaf plum and Kwanzan cherry trees; waiting to hear back from George on these options before planting.
 - Some other residents complained about the trees being removed. Pamm suggested posting information about the tree plantings on the Community page of the Borough's website.
 - Relocate hackberry at Ferry Landing Park. **Update:** The hackberry will be relocated to the grounds outside the Community Center soon.
 - Sale of 35 N. Main contingency. **Update:** Gloria notified the Borough manager and the Zoning officer that Tree #82 (London plane) has large dead wood that needs to be removed prior to sale of the property.
 - TCUSA Growth Award: **Update:** We received the plaque and signage for our 2022 TCUSA Growth Award.

New Business

- **Applications:** 130 Old York Road Remove/Replace: Tree was dead (Norway maple) and has been removed. Property owner wants to replace with two red maples. Will recommend considering two different tree species and to consider an underwire species if close to the overhead wires.
- **Parks & Recreation Committee (P&R) collaboration:** **Update:** Gloria will be attending their meeting on August 28th to talk about tree work in the parks and relocating the hackberry at Ferry Landing Park.
- **Tree Tenders bare root trees follow up:** Tree Tenders program is happening now and we need to check the bare root trees that were planted in April. This needs to be completed by mid-August. We will meet on Friday, July 21st at 9:00am at Bridgewater and Riverwoods Drive to begin the process.
- **Letters to property owners based on tree inventory results. Update:**
 - **385 W. Bridge Street:** Laurie said to send the letter to Odette's.
 - **246 W. Bridge Street:** Gloria did not see any dead trees; will recheck to be sure they were removed.
 - **181 W. Bridge Street, Tree #149:** Laurie will have a letter sent to have the dead ash tree removed.
- **Social outing for the team:** Krayl will look at dates for the social get together.
- **Rutgers Tree Farm:** Anita is still waiting for Rutgers to provide dates for the visit. We'll be looking for dates in September to coordinate a visit.
- **PHS Bare Root Tree Sale:** The tree species list will soon be provided by PHS. The Riverwoods HOA is also interested in purchasing trees for fall planting.
- Krayl said she wanted to take 2 or 3 tree diapers for trees at the New Hope Shopping Center.
- 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 7:39 pm.

Next meeting: August 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.