

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Gloria Broeker

Others present: Anita Maximo; Frank DeLuca; Krayl Funch; Bob Margadonna; Dene Taylor, resident

The minutes for the August 16th meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No grants available at this time.
 - Relocate hackberry from Ferry Landing Park. **Update:** Still remains to be done by Hugh Marshall. Gloria will follow up again.
 - PHS Bare Root Tree order (Riverwoods HOA) **Update:** HOA ordered 14 more bare root trees for planting in November.

New Business

- **Applications:**
 - 101 Old York Road (Dene Taylor, property owner), Remove/Replace: Application to remove large dead branches in a maple near the house. Tree is not in good health and he wants to remove it. Tree is not under STC jurisdiction. Referred him to Zoning's for a permit. Tree will not be replaced.
 - 61 N. Main St., Remove/Replace (#73 & #74) pin oaks: trees are in fair to poor condition, roots are pushing up the sidewalk. Motion made and approved to remove and replace with two trees by May 31, 2024.
- **Parks & Recreation Committee (P&R) collaboration: Update:** Gloria and Bob attended the P&R meeting in August. Bob presented a proposal to plant daffodil bulbs at the town entrances. P&R was hesitant to spend money on 500 bulbs (minimum order). They are willing to help with planting bulbs. Lines of communication were established. Bob is checking with Bucks Beautiful on quantities available. Bob will follow up with P&R. Potential planting area is lawn at Penn Community Bank.
- **November Newsletter (Porous Pavement, Tree Checkers, Growth Award):** Krayl wrote an article about our work and receiving a Growth Award from TCUSA. Also, emphasized the importance of planting native tree species, and issues with Spotted Lantern Flies and Callery pear trees.
- **2023 Growth Award:** We are on target to apply for another award for 2023. Will discuss plans for 2024 growth award.
- **Letters to property owners based on inventory results (two mailed):**
 - **Letter to 385 W. Bridge:** Waiting to hear back. Tree still needs to be removed. Will be working with engineers to get it done.
- 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 7:40 pm.

Next meeting: October 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.