

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE

Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Ron Gering; Frank DeLuca; Jim Ennis, Zoning Manager; Tom Carroll, Public Work; Steve Coppens, Resident

Absent: Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison

A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 21st meeting minutes.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - How to handle sidewalk work that results in tree root damage. A review of the Borough Ordinance is pending. Gloria and Jim met with Tom Carroll in March. **Update:** The application form will be modified to include the Commission's review.
 - 110 Riverwoods Drive: Street tree was removed. The property owner submitted application with a letter asking for an exception for replanting. Zoning interaction pending discussion of "Public vs Private" streets. **Update:** The Zoning ordinance applies in this case due to the caliper size of the tree removed. The property owner will need to plant a new shade tree. Jim noted that the ordinance does not give a deadline to replant. The Borough is planning to do a comprehensive ordinance update. A deadline for replanting could be placed in the Tree ordinance, or in the Property Maintenance ordinance. Issue will be tabled while Jim discusses it with the Borough manager.
 - Riverwoods HOA communication regarding zoning and STC compliance. **Update:** Gloria has contacted the Property Manager for the HOA for further discussion.
 - SavATree inventory review to begin this month. **Update:** Matt from SavATree will begin updating the tree inventory on Monday, March 25 at 10am at Bridge and Main streets.

New Business

- New applications:
 - 10 West Randolph Street (Remove): Has a large old cedar that has lost several big limbs. Not able to replant a tree in that location. Motion made and approved to remove tree.
 - 200 W. Bridge Street (Remove): Has a large dead maple growing into the overhead wires. Motion made and approved to remove tree; may replace tree on a different location on property or another location in town.
- Junior Council members were asked to assist with a tri-fold brochure for the Commission. **Update:** They provided artwork for the tri-fold. It is ready to be copied and distributed.
- Arbor Day is April 26th; we will coordinate with Tom Carroll to plant a tree on April 23rd (Tuesday) on Borough property.
- The Odette's project: Add to next month's agenda. We need to see a landscaping plan.
- Review of long-term plans for the STC:
 - Establish a long-range street tree replacement plan, incorporating prudent risk management techniques.
 - Development of tri-fold for distribution to businesses along main shopping areas outlining how and why to maintain street trees. (Benefits of trees, link to STC web page with forms, List of Street Trees and List of Certified Arborists).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on April 17, 2019