

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE

Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2019

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

Others present: Anita Maximo; Ron Gering; Frank DeLuca; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison

Absent: Jim Ennis, Zoning Manager

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 20th meeting minutes.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - How to handle sidewalk work that results in tree root damage. A review of the Borough Ordinance and Sidewalk Permit is pending. **Update:** Changes are being made to the Application for Street Opening/Sidewalk Permit to be in accordance with PennDOT 408, Section 107.12. It specifies that trees that are to be left standing need to be protected from being damaged.
 - Riverwoods HOA communication regarding zoning and STC compliance. **Update:** The Commission does not have jurisdiction over the shade trees because the roads in Riverwoods are not public roads. Those trees that are 15 inches or more in diameter do fall under Zoning jurisdiction.
 - SavATree inventory review will begin this month. **Update:** The tree review has been completed and updated. Gloria will send the link from SavATree. The Commission will review those trees in poor condition and determine which property owners need to be sent letters regarding tree issues.

New Business

- New applications:
 - 60 W. Ferry Street (Remove/Replace): A portion of tree #169 (sugar maple) has large dead wood and has fungus growing on the trunk. Motion made and carried to have the tree removed and replaced. An underwire tree species is recommended for replacing the tree. Replacement tree should be planted by October 31, 2019.
- 12 W. Bridge Street: Tree #92, a red maple is dying and will be removed as part of the sidewalk improvements. This site is not a good location for a street tree.
- Arbor Day tree planting is April 23rd. The tree at 39 N. Main Street needs to be replaced. The property owner will pay for the tree, Hugh Marshall will plant the tree and install PorousPave; the Borough will cover the installation costs.
- Review of long-term plans for the STC:
 - Establish a long-range street tree replacement plan, incorporating prudent risk management techniques.
 - Method of distribution 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). Update: The tri-fold is ready to be distributed and will be available on the Borough web site.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on May 15, 2019