

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Krayl Funch

Others present: Anita Maximo; Bob Margadonna; Frank DeLuca; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison

Absent: Gloria Broeker

The minutes for the March 15th meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** Review if a grant is still needed based on limited opportunities to plant in the downtown area.
 - PHS bare root trees. **Update:** A Garden in Thyme will pick up trees on April 20th at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia. Waiting to get confirmation from Anna Davis (A Garden in Thyme) on the timeframe for planting next week. Expect it will be Monday or Tuesday. Krayl is checking with Anna on the OneCall before planting.
 - SavATree inventory is scheduled for the first of May.

New Business

- **Applications:** 49 N. Sугan Road (Remove/Replace) Motion made and approved to have the dead tree removed. Will need to replant. Need to provide the property owner with the Approved List and request that a large tree be selected.
- **Arbor Day – New Hope Historical Society (NHHS) partnership April 28 12:00pm, Arbor Day 1:00pm**
 - NHHS portion of the event will start at noon then segue to the STC portion.
 - Mayor Keller will read the Arbor Day Proclamation.
 - Gloria will share the Mission of the STC.
 - Bob will not be able to attend; Anita will talk about the partnership with Riverwoods HOA to plant 25 bare root trees.
- **Social Media Presence (Bob):** We will keep our information current on the Borough website. The Commission does have some postings on the Borough's Facebook page, but there is not sufficient staff to handle additional social media postings.
- **Parks & Recreation Committee (P&R) collaboration:**
 - Relocate hackberry at Ferry Landing Park. **Update:** Need to follow up with Hugh Marshall to get this tree relocated.
- **Bucks Beautiful:** Fall plantings of bulbs. **Update:** Decided that this is a project appropriate for P&R and not under the Commission's mission. Bob will talk with Beth Hasher of P&R about considering this project.
- 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 7:33 pm.

Next meeting: May 17, 2022, 6:30 p.m.