

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Gloria Broeker

Others present: Anita Maximo; Bob Margadonna; Frank DeLuca; Krayl Funch

Absent: Laurie McHugh

The minutes for the May 24th meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
 - Tree pit project. **Update:** Gloria and Anita reviewed 13 tree pits to determine the species to be planted in each. Gloria sent the recommendations to Hugh Marshall. Planting begins next week.
 - Relocate hackberry at Ferry Landing Park. **Update:** The hackberry will be relocated to the grounds outside the Community Center soon.
 - Shop of India: **Update:** Gloria asked Mark Higgins (who was on site at the shop) to provide a quote to remove the stump of Tree #131 and cap the electric.
 - Sale of 35 N. Main contingency. **Update:** Gloria will be sending an email to Peter Gray, Borough Manager, and Lisa Littlefield, Zoning Officer, about the need for removing the dead wood from Tree #82 as a condition of sale for this property.
 - TCUSA Growth Award: **Update:** We received a TCUSA Growth Award for our work in 2022!

New Business

- **Applications:** 68 Kiltie Drive; remove/replace Tree #1162, as well as 15 other trees that are not street trees. **Update:** Gloria spoke with Jane Maksond, property owner. Jane wants to replant in the fall, and possibly plant some of the new trees next year. She provided a list of trees species for replanting. Motion was made and approved for replacement of the one street tree from the list of 12 new trees that will be planted.
- **Parks & Recreation Committee (P&R) collaboration:** **Update:** Bob spoke to Beth Hasher about daffodils available through Bucks Beautiful and she will discuss with her team at their next meeting.
- Bob also made recommendations for adding more large signs for “Welcome to New Hope” that would replace small signs currently in place in certain areas, including Bridge Street. These recommendations will be provided for Council to review.
- **Letters to property owners based on tree inventory results.** **Update:** Still waiting to hear back from property owners at 34 Chestnut Street and 136 N. Main Street where trees need to be removed and replaced.
 - **385 W. Bridge Street:** Need to send a letter to remove a dead tree.
 - **246 W. Bridge Street:** Need to remove one dead tree along the street.
 - **181 W. Bridge Street, Tree #149:** White ash tree is dead and needs to be removed.
- **Tree was removed along the creek at Nektar restaurant:** Bob followed up about the possibility of planting a replacement tree and found out the tree was not on their property.
- **Rutgers Tree Farm:** Discussed options for coordinating a trip to the tree farm. Need to look at dates between July 24th and August 3rd. Anita will coordinate.
- 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 7:28 pm.

Next meeting: July 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m.