

Haddonfield, NJ
Shade Tree Commission
May 19, 2015

Opening: Robin Potter opened the meeting with a reading of the “Sunshine Law” statement at 8:03 AM. Robin Potter, Ann Koelling, Deb Troiani, Jane Berkowitz, Marjorie Coar, Elyse Crawford, Ralph Ciallella and Bill Ober were present.

Minutes Review: The March and April 2015 meeting minutes were approved as discussed.

Correspondence: 328 Chestnut. Permission granted to residents to plant a tree at their expense.

Community Comment: Loretta Macconi, nurse at Elizabeth Haddon School, requests we come up with a plan to replace the Sweet Gum Trees at the school which she feels are a safety hazard and liability. She presented documentation of injuries sustained by students and staff which she attributes to the seed pods. The STC will visit the site and discuss next meeting.

Borough Construction Discussion - Private Construction Projects:

- 100 block Peyton Ave. Bill Ober will visit to assess construction material placement.
- Wilkins Ave. near Patco lot. Robin will draft a letter to owner requesting corrections to improper pruning.
- 319 E. Summit. Court date postponed to June 1.

DPW Update: Stump grinding is completed and the crew is now trimming. A small maple was removed at 219 W. Summit.

Community Outreach Update

- Arbor Day Planting. Tatem School, April 24. John Moscatelli and Bill Ober presented, street was closed off for classes to come out for the planting, and the resident is watering the tree.
- Branch Managers. The Ground Crew was out last weekend and will schedule another work day in June.

Other Items

- Emerald Ash Borer. Borough has 580 ash trees. The trees will become hazardous soon after becoming infested. Deb Troiani will collect EAB treatment information. Robin suggests a public meeting in the fall.
- Fall Tree Planting. Each zone captain should identify possible planting locations preferably with wide park strips and no overhead wires.
- Summer meetings. Plan to discuss possible summer schedule at next meeting.
- Jane will be scheduling a pruning class to discuss pruning of small trees lacking a central leader.
- As discussed last month, Robin will work with the borough to schedule an outreach meeting for construction issues.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM

Submitted by Deb Troiani

CC: Commissioner Moscatelli, Administrator McCullough, Borough Clerk Bennett, STC members