

Haddonfield, NJ
Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Regularly Scheduled Meeting - by Zoom
September 21, 2021

Opening / Sunshine Law Reading

- Robin Potter opened the meeting with a reading of the “Sunshine Law” statement at 8:00 AM.
- Shade Tree Commissioners present were Robin Potter (chair), Jane Berkowitz, Scott McElhone, Laurel Musto, Ralph Ciallella, and Deb Troiani as well as DPW Foreman Bill Ober, Borough Administrator SharonMcCullough, and Borough Commissioner Frank Troy.

Minutes Review

- June 2021 minutes were approved as discussed.

Community Comment

- Greg Moore, 208 Mt Vernon Ave. Requested evaluation of a tree he feels is dangerous. The tree was evaluated a couple years ago and trimming was permitted. The tree has been reevaluated by DPW Bill Ober and is found to be healthy, and while the root base is high it is typical for a maple and shows no signs of uprooting. The tree will be reevaluated annually for the next two years. This finding will be communicated to the resident by Robin.
- 304 Redman Avenue repaving project – oak tree removal. The oak tree at this site was removed as part of the road repaving project following the results of a resident survey. Robin and Ann will work on a planting strategy for this neighborhood, and Frank and Sharon will work with the STC to communicate the plan to residents.

Private Construction

- 602 Cedar Avenue. Michael Procacci, owner and developer, requests permission to remove a multi stem Linden to accommodate driveway construction. Jane and Robin will visit the site. Demolition Plans have been filed which Bill Ober will forward to STC. The STC discussed the request as well as the possible impact of construction plans on a second tree. The STC voted to grant permission for removal of the multi-stem tree at owner expense, including the grinding out of the existing roots or their removal through other means to a depth of 18-24" pending subsequent review of the trees on this site by members of the STC. Compensation for the tree will be required but will be reduced to \$350 due to the multi stem structure of the tree.

Other

- Fall 2021 Planting. Approximately 80 trees are scheduled to be planted in late October/ early November.
- NJ Garden Club grants. Jane and Scott are working with the Garden Club to secure tree planting grants for next year. Specifically, applications are due in Feb '22 with awards communicated in Jun '22 (can apply for two consecutive year grants of \$1,000 each). Proposed planting area is the Prospect Road neighborhood and the proposed timing is Fall 2022. The grants present an opportunity to engage the community through the Garden Club, STC, HBM, residents, and possibly Little League involvement.

Close of Meeting

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.**

Submitted By: Deb Troiani

CC: Borough Commissioner Troy, Borough Administrator McCullough, Borough Clerk Bennett, STC Commissioners.