

Haddonfield, NJ
Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Regularly Scheduled Meeting - by Zoom
October 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 Borough Administrator Sharon McCullough.

Minutes Review

- September 2021 minutes were approved as discussed.

Correspondence

- A resident at Hinchman and Station Ave. requested to keep a tree scheduled for removal. Unfortunately, the tree will have to be removed because it is in poor condition due to Bacterial Leaf Scorch.
- A resident on Euclid responded to the Borough Fall Tree Planting letter. Robin will contact the resident.

Public Construction

- 2021 Road Program. Design is expected from Remington and Vernick this fall.
- Bancroft Building Demolition. Borough administrator Tavis Karrow and DPW Foreman Bill Ober will inspect the plan, but no action by the STC is expected due to the location of the demolition.

Fall 2021 Planting Update

- Tree delivery is scheduled this week. Branch Manager volunteers will prep the trees for planting.

DPW Update

- Borough will explore contracting more outside crews for takedowns to free our crew for pruning. The Borough does not have resources to hire a second tree crew.

Other

- October 21-22 NJ Shade Tree Federation Training and Conference. Scott and Bill will attend. Some lectures will be available online following the conference. With the attendance of Scott, Bill, Mark, and Dean the Borough will meet the minimum NJUCF requirements for annual accreditation (8 CEUs between 2 individuals).
- NJ Garden Club grants. Anticipate planting small container grown trees in the neighborhood of the Little League fields in fall 2022.
- Branch Managers.
 - Branch managers will prep trees for planting this week.
 - A Tree Pruning Short Course is scheduled for December.
 - Pruning of young trees will begin in January following the chipper truck schedule.
- Jane suggested renewing talks with PATCO over planting trees in the parking area.

Close of Meeting

- **Meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM.**

Submitted By: Deb Troiani

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