

Haddonfield, NJ
Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Virtually via ZOOM
January 19, 2021

Opening / Sunshine Law Reading

- Robin Potter opened the meeting with a reading of the “Sunshine Law” statement at 8:03 AM.

- Shade Tree Commissioners present were Robin Potter (chair), Jane Berkowitz, Scott McElhone, Laurel Musto, Deb Troiani, and Ralph Ciallella, as well as Borough Commissioner Neal Rochford, Borough DPW Tree Foreman Bill Ober & Borough Administrator Sharon McCullough.

Minutes Review

- December 2020 Regular STC Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved with updated allocation of the 8 trees to be planted in the Spring.

Community Comment

- None present.

Correspondence

- None.

Borough Construction

- Bancroft. Dennis Dougherty and Gerald J. DeFelicis were present to discuss the Landscape Plan which Scott had distributed to STC members on January 17th. The discussion centered around resolving compensatory tree count discrepancies, tree selections, tree locations and utilities and barrier walls, tree protection and construction sequencing, watering responsibilities, and performance and maintenance bonds. The plan distributed to the STC was out of date. Robin and Jay will work out questions before a new plan is distributed.
- Public Construction Projects
 - Hinchman Ave. Jane will work with Bill regarding specific siting of trees to be planted by the county in spring.

DPW Update

- Leaf collection completed by tree crew last week due to unavailability of temporary workers.
- 400 block of Haddon Ave N. Letters will go out to restaurants requesting removal of lights on trees to enable pruning.

Other

Required annual reporting to State and Arbor Day Foundation

- Scott has completed applications:
 - Arbor Day Tree City USA (28th Year)
 - NJ Urban Community Forestry Growth Award
- Robin is an approved member of the NJ Shade Tree Federation Board of Directors.

Arbor Pro

Budget analysis sometime in February.

Arbor Day

Tree has been tagged for Tatem park strip.

Branch Managers

Working in pairs, 200 of 400 young trees have been pruned.

EAB treatment plan

Jane will get a proposal for treatment of ten trees. The cost will determine whether 2 quotes are sufficient or it will go out for bidding. Trees will be selected for condition and location and treated in late May/early June once per two years.

2021 STC Organizing Vote

Robin Potter elected chair.

Deb Troiani elected secretary.

Close of Meeting

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.**

Submitted By: Deb Troiani

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

Attachments: Not applicable.