

Haddonfield, NJ
Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Virtually via ZOOM
February 16, 2021

Opening / Sunshine Law Reading

- Robin Potter opened the meeting with a reading of the “Sunshine Law” statement at 8:04 AM.

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

Minutes Review

- Deferred.

Community Comment

- None present.

Correspondence

- None.

Borough Construction

- West Summit Ave. Borough Zoning Officer Tavis Karrow, has requested photos of the site that show no tree protection during demolition.
- 118-120 N. Haddon Ave. Robin will talk to Tavis regarding zelkova pruning that took place without permission.
- 124 Homestead. Neighbor reported a tree at that address was marked with an “x”. Tavis will instruct the resident that they must either put up tree protection or get permission for tree removal.
- Public Construction Projects
 - Hinchman Ave. Jane and Bill determined specific siting of trees to be planted by the county in spring and ensured our involvement at time of planting.
 - Bancroft. The Borough has brought in Karen Twistler to review landscape plans and ensure planting plan consistency and clarity with regard to compensatory tree calculations. Expect update in early March.

DPW Update

- Crew will begin takedowns today after being on hold from the storms.

Other

Required annual reporting to State and Arbor Day Foundation

- Scott has submitted applications:
 - Arbor Day Tree City USA (28th Year)
 - NJ Urban Community Forestry Growth Award
 - NJUCF Annual Accomplishment Report
- CSIP work period ends in August. New grants information is not available yet.

Branch Managers

Working in pairs, 360 of approximately 400 young trees have been pruned. March and April pruning and April ivy removal is scheduled.

EAB treatment plan

Ten trees will be selected for condition and location and treated in late May/early June once per two years. Evaluation will take place after leaf-out. Preference will be given to large trees on main thoroughfares.

Close of Meeting

- **Meeting adjourned at 8:55 AM.**

Submitted By: Deb Troiani

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

Attachments: Not applicable.