

Haddonfield, NJ
Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
June15, 2021

Opening / Sunshine Law Reading

- Robin Potter opened the meeting with a reading of the “Sunshine Law” statement at 8:05 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.

Minutes Review

- April 2021 minutes were approved as discussed

Community Comment

- Mary Nosek, 215 W. Redman Ave. Mary received notice from the Borough that two trees are scheduled to be removed due to the Roadworks program. She asked to save the trees, but due to the extent of the work, the trees will have to be removed. The STC and DPW work closely with the contractors and engineers inspecting each tree in an attempt to save as many as possible.

Private Construction

- 351 Kings Highway East. Kristen Wolansky represents the resident in requesting permission to remove trees impacted by soil contamination remediation. Robin will communicate with Tavis Karrow Borough Community Development Officer who will handle granting permission and collecting funds based on our published fee schedule.
- 315 Prospect Rd. The Zoning Board has approved the building plan including a driveway in the Borough right of way. The STC approves the removal of four significant trees and three additional smaller trees to permit this access. Tree measurements for determining compensation will be provided by DPW.
- Jobel Drive. Robin will review the latest construction documents which include 60 replacement trees.

DPW

- Decorative lights placed on Haddon Avenue trees by local businesses have been removed. One remaining set will be removed by DPW bucket truck. The removal was necessary for the health and safe pruning of the trees.
- Tree takedowns are in progress. Roughly 70 stalks are out to bid.

Other

- Emerald Ash Borer. Robin will provide an entry in Municipal Notes to educate the public about ash safety.
- Fall Planting. Work on the planting list is in progress and should be completed in July for tree tagging in August.
- Grant update: Virtual inspection of tree planting was completed. Three trees failed (one due to deer rub) and need to be replaced. STC plans to apply for a state grant for tree inventory software for 2022.
- Branch Managers. Grant documentation photography and ash tree evaluation were completed.

Close of Meeting

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.**

Submitted By: Deb Troiani

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