

**Haddonfield, NJ**  
**Shade Tree Commission (STC)**  
**Regularly Scheduled Meeting**  
**May 17, 2022**

Opening / Sunshine Law Reading

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

Minutes Review

- April 2022 Minutes approved.

Correspondence

- Haddonfield Little League. Removal of an oak tree is under discussion. Scott will reach out to the organization regarding the timing and procedure of the removal.
- Carol Overtom, 33 Centre St. Requests replacement of the golden raintree on her park strip because she doesn't like it, and it doesn't provide shade. Request is denied as the tree is still getting established and expected to provide shade as it matures to 30-40 ft. A larger tree cannot be permitted at this site due to overhead wires.
- Jersey Java, Redman Ave. Requests three trees and is willing to grind stumps as necessary.
- Commissioner Frank Troy will forward a resident request for planting on Beechwood Ave.

Community comment

- Tom Grimes, 307 Rhoads Ave. Follow up visit on his March request for tree inspection. Bill O. noted the red maple on the Borough right of way is in good condition. The tree of concern is on private property. STC advises Mr Grimes to request a consult from a certified arborist.

Construction

Private Construction

- 60 Upland Way. The Borough Construction office is working with the resident to review property surveys to determine whether the removal of a tree took place on Borough or private property.
- 310 Centre St. Ash removals are in progress with PSE&G assistance. After construction consider planting on the Right of way approximately one foot inside the sidewalk.

Public Construction

- Bill Ober will be attending a pre-construction meeting. Walk-throughs will be scheduled.

DPW Updates

- Arbor Day Foundation signs are up.
- Planting Program
  - Spring 2022 planting is complete.
  - Fall 2022 sites should be finalized by the end of June including 17 new resident requests.

Other

- An applicant has been accepted for the STC Vacancy.
- Website Updates. Deb has contacted the Borough regarding a stray page that contains old information. Once that issue is resolved she will revise the main page.
- Legacy Tree Program. STC anticipates planting of legacy trees including the Salem Oak and Liberty Elm.
- The New Jersey Tree Federation Annual Conference will be held in October.
- Jane is working on a review of the condition of the ash trees that have been treated for emerald ash borer.
- Bill P. suggested the Birchall Rd traffic triangle as the site for a special tree planting. Perhaps the 30th Arbor Foundation Tree City USA.

Close of Meeting

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:25AM.**

Submitted By: Deb Troiani

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