

Haddonfield, NJ
Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
June 21, 2022

Opening / Sunshine Law Reading

- Bill Polise opened the meeting with a reading of the “Sunshine Law” statement at 8:00 AM.
- Shade Tree Commissioners present were Ralph Ciallella, Deb Troiani, Ann Koelling, Bill Polise, and Allison Pescatore as well as DPW Foreman Bill Ober and Borough Commissioner Frank Troy.

Minutes Review

- May 2022 Minutes approved as written.

Correspondence

- 31 Friends Avenue. Discussion deferred.
- Bill McGuinness, 219 Warwick Rd. Expressed concern over a tree on West Summit Ave.

Community comment

- Tim and Pam Alles, 310 Centre St. Request removal of tulip tree on the park strip to accommodate sidewalk repair. Request permission to plant trees on the private side of the sidewalk due to the grade of the park strip. Deb will visit the site which will require further discussion. Planting is anticipated for spring.
- Will Riddell and Georgia Wood, 140 Rhoads Ave. Request permission to remove failing pin oak at their expense. Permission is granted. A request for a tree to be planted at the site of a sycamore that was removed a couple years ago will be added to our spring 2023 list.
- Clement Pappas, 60 Upland Way. Requests permission to move the *Nyssa sylvatica* on Upland Way. STC recommends they draw up a plan to move the tree to Washington. An escrow would be required. The tree has been struggling for many years and a larger tree would be more suited to this corner. The STC would review the plan in the fall for anticipated spring planting.

Construction

Private Construction

- 60 Upland Way. See community comment.
- 304-310 Centre St. See community comment.

Public Construction

- Roads Program 2023. Bill O. walked the roads last week. Road construction has started.

DPW Updates

- A contract has been granted for the removal of 20 trees.
- Fall 2022 sites should be finalized by the end of June including 17 new resident requests.

Other

- Ash Tree Treatment Program. Jane reports two treated trees have failed, and the remaining are in good condition.
- Birchall Triangle Grand Planting - no update.
- Haddonfield Little League Removal - A plan is forming for the removal of a large pin oak next winter.
- Appointment of new Alternate II. The STC welcomes Allison Pescatore.
- Zone Manager Update – creation of Park Zone Manager. Discussion deferred.
- Legacy Tree Program. No update.
- Deb reported good reception to the NJ Forest Nursery tree seedling giveaway at the Haddonfield Farm Market last weekend. Camden County Certified Gardeners were enthusiastic and the public was very receptive. Deb suggests partnering with CCCG at the farm market in the fall to promote the Branch Managers.

Close of Meeting

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:52AM.**

Submitted By: Deb Troiani

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