

Haddonfield, NJ
Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
November 15, 2022

Opening / Sunshine Law Reading

- STC Chair Scott McElhone opened the meeting with a reading of the “Sunshine Law” statement at 8:03 AM.
- Shade Tree Commissioners present were Ann Koelling, Ralph Ciallella, Deb Troiani, Jane Berkowitz, and Allison Pescatore as well as DPW Foreman Bill Ober.

Minutes October 2022 approved with 45-47 Walnut resolution corrections.

Correspondence None.

Community comment

- Chris Strasser, 31 Friends Ave. Regarding a young “volunteer” silver maple on his park strip, STC advises removing the silver maple and contacting DPW to be added to the future planting list.
- Michele Platz, 285 Merion Ave. Requests removal of Red maple due to root problems on the property including sewer damage that requires annual pipe cleaning. STC grants approval for removal at owner expense with corresponding escrow payment based on the measurement of the tree. The site will be evaluated for future planting.

Construction

Private Construction

- 70 Tanner St. Discussed two options related to the request for removal:
 - 1) Removal with grinding of stump to 18” at owner’s expense and associated Tree Replacement Assessment equivalent of seven trees in accordance with Section 56-9A of Borough Code
 - 2) Pruning at the owner’s expense subject to consultation of the contractor with the DPW Tree Foreman prior to any work being conducted
- Jobel Dr. Waiting for updates from the developer. Scott, Alison, and Jane plan a site visit Friday.

Public Construction

- 2022 Road Program is wrapping up. Jane and Bill Ober walked the roads for 2023.

DPW Updates

- Contractor removals: 30 trees awarded to Hyperion.
- Planting Program - Spring 2023
 - Initial bid had no responses, rebids due December 8.
 - Mini Mall Parking lot. Still need underground utility plans from R&V, and will probably require hand digging for smaller trees.

Other

- Arbor Day 2023 - Elizabeth Haddon School will be invited for the planting of a dawn redwood at Birchall Triangle.
- Quarterly Library Speaking Series – partnering with Sustainable Haddonfield to help publicize and drive attendance (Spring 2023 will focus on invasive pests with Steven Rettke from Rutgers Cooperative Extension).
- Recommended Tree Species list is being updated by Bill, Jane, and Scott.
- Branch Manager training class will be scheduled for early December.
- Recommend expanding tree wells on Haddon Ave.
- Tree sponsorship of \$350 needs to be updated to cover increased costs. Proposed fee is \$400. Scott will work with Borough Administrator Sharon McCullough.
- START program received eight responses, 5 qualified.

Close of Meeting

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

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