

Haddonfield, NJ
Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Regularly Scheduled Meeting - by Zoom
January 18, 2022

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, Ralph Ciallella, Ann Koelling and Deb Troiani as well as DPW Foreman Bill Ober and Borough Administrator SharonMcCullough.

Minutes Review

- November and December 2021 minutes approved.

Correspondence None.

Community comment None.

Construction

- 128 Hawthorn Request to Remove Tree. Louis Screnci. STC unanimously voted to grant permission for tree removal at developers expense. According to plans and photo provided, the tree is very close to the driveway and front walk and would not survive construction. Driveway will be used as the construction access point. Jane will measure the tree DBH and do a visual inspection to validate these assumptions. Developer will pay the amount assessed based on our permission schedule and the measured DBH into the Shade Tree Escrow fund in addition to paying for the removal of the tree and stump.

DPW update

- Bill will distribute a list of takedowns for our awareness.
- Tree removals are in progress.
- Search for large tree removal contractors continues and has expanded to state contractors which tend to be from North Jersey and charge travel resulting in increased cost. Contractors must respond to bid or be on the state contractor list. In addition they must have a NJ registration.
- Chipper truck is out on the job this week. many more xmas trees than usual.
- Greg Ley DPW Superintendent discussed emerging plans for tree takedowns. The Borough is working on a business plan to increase the number of tree removals we are able to complete this year. Planning must address rising costs of contractors and limitations of Borough equipment and crew. Currently in-house two person crew can only handle tree removals under 25”DBH.

Spring 2022 planting program

- Site list will be complete by end of this week.
- Bill will reach out to Fernbrook Nursery for tagging.

Other

- STC officers election: Robin and Deb were elected to maintain current positions chair and secretary respectively.
- Arbor Day tree. Central School is the proposed site.
- Branch Manager update: first pruning sessions completed January 15th and 16th.
- ROW and other legal issues update: Robin will be meeting with Sal in the next couple weeks to discuss procedures.

Close of Meeting

- **Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.**

Submitted By: Deb Troiani

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