

Haddonfield, NJ
Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Regularly Scheduled Meeting - by Zoom
February 15, 2022

Opening / Sunshine Law Reading

- Robin Potter opened the meeting with a reading of the “Sunshine Law” statement at 8:03 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

- January 2022 minutes approved.

Correspondence None.

Community comment

John Dowd, 301 Evans Ave. Requests removal of sweetgum tree due to sidewalk maintenance and sweetgum balls. While the STC is sympathetic to these concerns, by policy removal of the tree is not permitted. STC will visit the site this weekend to confirm that the health of the tree is good. STC has voted unanimously to deny removal of the tree based on that confirmation. At the time of sidewalk replacement roots can be evaluated by the Borough.

DPW update

- Ash Tree removals are in progress. Some are being staked and smaller trees are cut flush. PSE&G will bring trees down below wires since the Borough does not have equipment or certification for line work. Contracts will go for larger trees, stalks, and stump grinding. Healthy ash trees previously treated for EAB will not be cut down and will be reevaluated when they leaf out.
- PSE&G will be in town the next few weeks for pruning on Mt Vernon and Redman.
- Since DPW employees are taken off other Borough services for two months to facilitate the tree removals the chipper truck will not run during this time.

Spring 2022 planting program

- 82 trees will be planted including two commemorative trees and approximately 40 resident requests.
- Bill tagged trees at Fernbrook Nursery. Approximately 17 smaller trees still need to be sourced.

Other

- Laurel Musto has resigned. Residents may apply for STC opening on the Borough website.
- Arbor Day tree. Central School is the proposed site.
- NJUCF annual report is complete. Scott will work on grant writing for redoing the tree inventory. Re-evaluation of tree conditions is useful for planning.

Close of Meeting

- **Meeting adjourned at 8:52 AM.**

Submitted By: Deb Troiani

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