

**HADDON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 2017**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township of Haddon Shade Tree Commission held on Thursday, October 26, 2017 in the Haddon Township Environmental and Historical Center at 143 E. Ormond Avenue, Haddon Township, New Jersey.

Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 requires adequate notice of this meeting be provided specifying time, place, and agenda. This has been done by placing an Annual Notice in the Courier-Post and Retrospect Newspapers, and by posting on two bulletin boards in the Municipal Building.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

Chris Squazzo	Present
Marge Howley	Present
Kevin Murphy	Present
Renee Papaneri	Present
Betty Brookes	Present

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

201 Harding Avenue: Resident Erin Warner from 201 Harding Avenue attended the Shade Tree Commission meeting to discuss an issue with surface roots in the curb strip. The tree roots are not disrupting the sidewalk but the resident feels they are a hazard for people parking their cars. The Shade Tree Commissioners were asked to evaluate the issue after the May meeting. Ms. Warner added that she will be installing a retaining wall and new sidewalk. Chris Squazzo explained that there are two trees at the location. One of the trees was marked for removal, the other tree is a healthy pin oak and he does not see a root issue, the roots are shallow but could be resolved with landscaping. Ms. Warner shared pictures with Kevin Murphy who was not able to look at the tree before the meeting. Kevin asked several questions. A discussion ensued regarding alternate means to exit vehicles parking in front of 201 Harding Avenue. The resident feels the roots create an unsafe situation for residents exiting the vehicle. Renee Papaneri added she observed the surface roots from across the street and did not feel they were high. Marge Howley added that the issue could be resolved through landscaping. The members reiterated that the tree in question is healthy. Chris addressed the meeting to

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vote on the issue. Ms. Warner added that this was a time consuming issue to resolve and she has spent a year and a half on the issue. She also questioned who would be responsible for the landscaping. Chris responded that is the homeowner's responsibility. Ms. Warner also asked what the fine is for removing the tree without a permit. It was explained that it is costly and the information is in the ordinance.

Chris Squazzo motioned not to remove the tree at 201 Harding Avenue. All members voted yes.

Derek Maley, 211 Penn Avenue, attended the meeting to obtain a pruning permit to trim lateral branch on tree. Betty Brookes will email a permit to Derek Maley.

## **MINUTES**

Kevin Murphy motioned to approve the minutes from the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Renee seconded. Minutes approved.

## **BUSINESS**

Crystal Lake Pool: Mayor Teague has authorized replanting of trees at the Crystal Lake Pool. Chris Squazzo will survey the area to determine placement and number of trees to be planted.

1203 Eldridge: A \$500 fine was collected for unauthorized removal of tree. Chris purchased 35 trees from Lowes with the money collected from the fine. Some of the trees will be planted at the Crystal Lake Pool, Windsor Avenue and Locust Avenue.

719 Graisbury Avenue: Bob Wells met with the owner of King Koncrete at the location. Mr. Wells reviewed which roots could be removed in order to replace concrete. The sidewalk has been replaced.

109 E Ormond Avenue: The resident from 109 E Ormond Avenue contacted Chris Squazzo requesting permission to remove existing Bradford Pear and replanting a different species at their own expense. Marge Howley suggested a written contract with the owner to ensure the tree is replanted. Marge also requested more information regarding planting site, stump removal, utilities etc. Chris will contact the resident.

2018 Planting: Marge requested the new door tags be ordered. Betty Brookes will order the new door tags. Everything is in order for 2018 planting of new trees.

Insurance Reimbursements: Kevin Murphy will reach out to Kate Burns regarding information on trees damaged by a vehicle on Cuthbert Boulevard. All funds received will be used to plant new trees.

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County Roads Tree/Ordinance: Tabled

Stump/Pruning: The stump grinding was completed by Frank's Stump Removal. Mayor Teague has authorized another 50 stumps to be grinded to reduce the backlog.

CEU'S: In 2018 Chris will contact Brial Hofsko, PSE&G, to give a class on mold and fungus.

CSIP: Tabled

#### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Marge Howley recommended changing the meetings to a working meeting. Chris will discuss details of changing the meeting to a working meeting at the next Shade Tree Commission meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Marge motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kevin seconded. Meeting adjourned.