

**HADDON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township of Haddon Shade Tree Commission held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 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
John Nystedt	Present
Marge Howley	Present
Kevin Murphy	Present
Renee Papaneri	Present
Jim Rhodes	Absent - Excused
Dave Mullins	Present
Betty Brookes	Present

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

No changes to the agenda.

**MINUTES**

Kevin Murphy motioned to approve the minutes from the April 24th, 2019 meeting. Renee Papaneri seconded. Minutes approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rita Polkowski, 202 Stratford Avenue, attended the meeting to discuss the tree in front of her house. Due to personal reasons, the resident requested the tree be re-evaluated for removal. The resident offer to pay for removal, if approved, and is willing to have a new tree planted that is appropriate for curb strip. Chris Squazzo requested all commissioners look at the tree before the next Shade Tree Commission meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

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A vote will be taken at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to determine the request for removal of the tree.

## **BUSINESS**

Spring 2020, 2021 Planting, Mitigation Trees and BID Trees: Marge Howley, Project Manager for Tree Planting, handed out a spreadsheet of quotes received for trees to be planted Spring 2020. John Nystedt questioned if the B&B trees grew better than the container trees. At this time there was no conclusion on which trees had a better survival rate after being planted. Archwild was the lowest quote and had all the trees requested. Trees have been purchased from Archwild in past plantings and the trees have been quality trees.

Marge requested all the commissioners pick up the gator bags in their areas and drop off the bags at the Environmental Center before the October meeting.

The BID is requesting more trees be planted on Haddon Avenue. There are issues with the locations because the tree wells are filled with concrete causing a low survival rate of the trees. Marge has four trees to be planted in the BID districts. There will be two trees planted in front of the ACME, one at Center Street and Haddon Avenue and one at 222 Haddon Avenue. There was a discussion on different ideas of what could be planted in front of Severino's. Severino's has concrete wells. At this time there was no solution as to what could be planted in the wells or if the wells should be removed.

Chris asked Renee Papaneri to be the liaison to the BID. Renee accepted the position.

New mitigation trees will be planted on Homestead Avenue (3), S. Park Drive and King Avenue (6) and a total of 48 new trees on Avondale Avenue. Chris and Dave Mullins will determine the planting locations of the new trees on Avondale Avenue.

Marge open the group to discuss issues of planting trees on Reeve Avenue at the request of residents. The issue is very narrow curb strips. John suggested hedge maples and crape myrtles would work in the narrow strips.

Review of STC Forms: Tabled

Tree Inventory: Dave Mullins reported that the grant was not submitted due to lack of information obtained. Jason Miller, consulting arborist, will be contacted through Dave to help assist in obtaining grants for completing an inventory of trees.

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Violations: Chris will follow up with Betty Band.

Maintenance Pruning Contract: Chris spoke to John Nystedt to write a Bid spec for the pruning of trees in Haddon Township. Ideas would include breaking the town into sections and have a company complete one section of town every year. Costs for pruning would be less expensive if completed during off season.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Renee motioned to adjourn the regular meeting. John seconded. Meeting adjourned.

### **WORK SESSION**

Meeting reopened for work session.

### Ash Tree Inventory

Marge and Renee completed the ash tree inventory. Presently, there are 20 ash trees.