

**HADDON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
APRIL 28, 2021**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township of Haddon Shade Tree Commission held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom due to Covid.

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.

**ROLL CALL**

Chris Squazzo	Present
John Nystedt	Present
Marge Howley	Present
Kevin Murphy	Present
Renee Papaneri	Present
Jim Rhodes	Absent Excused
Betty Brookes	Present

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Renee Papaneri's new role as BID Liaison.

**MINUTES**

Chris Squazzo motioned to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2021 meeting. Renee seconded. Minutes approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Anna Marie Mullen, 47 Emerald Avenue attended the meeting via Zoom to discuss the curb tree in front of her house. Anna Marie stated the tree has outgrown the sidewalk and continuously drops branches. She is concerned due to the location being across the street from Holy Savior Church. Chris said he will evaluate the tree within the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Lauren Nasto, from Westmont Avenue, also attended the meeting via Zoom. Lauren is interested in helping to get ivy removed from trees throughout the township.

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## **BUSINESS**

Tree Tenders: John Nystedt explained duties of tree tenders to include pruning and removal of ivy. John discussed Municipal overview for liability for volunteers. Also discussed was training for volunteers through the New Jersey Tree Foundation and if CEU's would be earned. Chris said he would talk to the Township's Solicitor to find out if there is liability coverage for the volunteers. John will set-up the tree tenders. Renee also knows someone interested in joining the tree tenders. Marge Howley added it would help for the new trees to be trimmed. Lauren asked about ivy on personal property trees. It was explained the Shade Tree Commission only has jurisdiction over curb trees and township property trees. Marge discussed educating the public via Facebook. John said he has already seen information on Facebook regarding removing ivy from trees.

Spring 2021 Planting, Mitigation Trees and BID Trees: Marge Howley, project manager for tree planting, did excellent work managing the selection, purchasing and planting of 103 new curb trees. Renee will assist Marge with the 2022 tree planting. Marge will give a condensed version of the species of trees planted to be posted on Facebook.

BID Trees: Renee will work as liaison with Kate Burns, BID Director, to manage the planting of trees in the Business District and Haddon Township open space areas.

Annual Accomplishment Report/CORE/Tree City USA: Tabled

Town-wide Maintenance Prune Contract: John Nystedt has completed pruning bid spec. Chris will set-up a meeting with Mayor Teague.

Tree Inventory: John Nystedt reported the excellent work Jim Rhodes and his team have completed with Gov Pilot. An app was set-up to identify tree species. John will be providing the list of species for the app. Chris said there are only 8 to 10 species of trees planted prior to the establishment of the Shade Tree Commission. The new variety of species are from the STC's plantings.

Review of STC Forms: Renee suggested this be added to a work session.

CEU'S FOR 2021: Chris wants to have a group class for training/CEU's. He is reaching out to Brial Hotsko, PSE&G, to present class on Fungi. Other suggestions for classes would be for Tree Tenders. Marge has 2 CEU's waiting for approval.

Violations: 204 Wilson Avenue violation is in process.

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### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Renee asked Chris if he needs assistance with tree assessments. Kevin also offered assistance.

John will give Chris the RFP/Pruning Bid Spec.

Chris discussed having in-person meetings. John suggested hybrid to continue more interest. Renee said an in-person meetings would allow work sessions to take place.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **WORK SESSION**

Postponed