

**HADDON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township of Haddon Shade Tree Commission held on Wednesday, February 24, 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.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Chris Squazzo	Present
John Nystedt	Present
Marge Howley	Present
Kevin Murphy	Present
Renee Papaneri	Present
Jim Rhodes	Present
Dave Mullins	Resigned
Betty Brookes	Present

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

No changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

Chris Squazzo motioned to approve the minutes from the September 2019 meeting. Renee Papaneri seconded. Minutes approved.

SHADE TREE COMMISSIONER

Dave Mullins resigned from the Shade Tree Commission due to health reasons.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lauren Nasto, 341 Westmont Avenue, attended the meeting to learn about the functions of the Shade Tree Commission (STC). Lauren is interested in helping remove ivy from trees. Chris explained different techniques to remove the ivy without harming the trees.

BUSINESS

Spring 2021 Planting, Mitigation Trees and BID Trees:

Renee is the liaison to the BID. Renee confirmed four planting locations for Bid trees for the 300 block of Haddon Avenue between Stoy and Carlton Avenues. Renee will compile a list of locations for Spring 2022 and give to Marge Howley.

Marge reported that the trees will be delivered the week of March 29th. The planting will begin the week of April 5th. Once the mark-outs are completed, Marge will send out a list of locations to STC Commissioners to mark where the trees should be planted in the curb strip.

A discussion ensued regarding availability of trees and costs. Marge explained that out of the four requests for quotes only one vendor could provide the requested trees. Marge also explained the tree stock was smaller 1-1/4" to 1-1/2" caliper. John Nystedt added that the smaller trees were better for planting in the curb strips. Renee also pointed out the various species available in smaller sizes was better. In conclusion, the STC strives on planting the right tree for the right place. John also said COVID has impacted availability of trees due to the public buying trees for their private properties.

Chris reviewed with Lauren the budget for buying and planting trees. He also explained the BID involvement. The STC through its budget purchase and plant approximately 100 new curb trees every year. Chris also discussed a shared cost program to buy trees before the establishment of the STC in 2008. The trees purchased at that time were not sustainable due to disease – Pin Oak, or splitting – Bradford Pears.

Annual Accomplishment Report/CORE/Tree City USA:

The Annual Accomplishment Report is not yet completed. Jim Rhodes volunteered to complete the report.

CORE Training is offered to all Dept. of Public Works employees. Marge suggested that one of STC Commissioners keep track of CEU's. Renee volunteered to keep records of all CEU's taken by STC Commissioners. John offered to teach a class. John will find out the requirements to qualify for CEU's. Chris and Renee will also research classes for the STC. A total of 8 CUE's must be completed yearly by the STC.

Town wide Maintenance Prune Contract: John Nystedt has completed a draft pruning bid spec. At present the contract will be for 25 days of pruning for an aggregate price over a full year.

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Tree Inventory: Jim Rhodes reviewed the Gov Pilot site through Camden County. The site was updated with new trees planted by Haddon Township through Commissioner Linhart. The Gov Pilot has limited possibilities compared to I-tree. Jim will contact Kate Burns to share the site on the Haddon Township website. No decisions have been made but the commission is exploring the best options to create a tree inventory for Haddon Township.

Harvesting Wood for Residents to Use: Chris discussed an article from Haddonfield regarding the reuse of large trees to make tables. Jim Rhodes added the possibilities of using the items made from the trees for possible fundraising. Marge suggested compiling a list of people who would want to reuse the wood. Chris asked Kevin to research the possibilities.

Review of STC Forms: Tabled

Violations: 204 Wilson Avenue is not on the list to be removed.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Jim thanked Chris for setting up the Zoom meeting. Chris explained the Zoom meeting was setup through Kate Burns and expressed his gratitude.

John said he will update the current approved curb tree list for the Shade Tree Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

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

WORK SESSION

Postponed