

**HADDON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 27, 2021**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township of Haddon Shade Tree Commission held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm 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.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Marge Howley requested adding editing the current approved street trees for Haddon Township.

Renee Papaneri requested adding a briefing on the New Jersey Tree Federation Conference she attended in October.

**MINUTES**

Jim Rhodes motioned to approve the minutes from the September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Renee seconded. Marge abstained. Minutes approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Morris Cooperman and Zack Alpizar attended the meeting. Both are interested in volunteering for the Shade Tree Commission.

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## **BUSINESS**

Tree Tenders: A discussion ensued regarding insurance coverage for tree tenders through the Township. After the discussion it was decided that Chris will follow-up with Mayor Teague.

There was also a discussion on the roles of the tree tenders. Aside from removing ivy and trimming low branches, the tree tenders could also water newly planted trees by filling the gator bags.

Memorial Trees: The township is interested in setting up a memorial trees program. After a brief discussion the following will need to be done: a form including cost for tree, plaque and planting; a central location for plaque; and trees could be planted during the annual spring planting.

Salem White Oak Seedlings: The STC received a Salem Oak from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The seedling is now approximately 20" tall and can be planted. The STC discussed where to plant the tree.

John Nystedt motioned to plant the Salem White Oak at the Municipal Building. Renee seconded. Motion passed.

Marge will contact Ryan Linhart, Haddon Township Commissioner, to request the tree be planted at the Municipal Building located at 135 Haddon Avenue.

Tree Inventory: Jim Rhodes gave an update on the tree inventory through Gov Pilot. The maintenance information provided by Betty Brookes is not compatible with the Gov Pilot data base, so the information can not easily be updated. Jim gave a summary of the program which includes: forms, pictures, drop down lists, maintenance, notes and current tree inventory. The program will provide an inventory management for all trees. The STC still needs assistance gathering the tree information and entering the information into the program.

Annual Accomplishment Report/CORE/Tree City USA: The Annual Accomplishment Report will be added to the December 8<sup>th</sup> work session. Betty Brookes will distribute the information from the previous report. Chris Squazzo will also look into having the Community Forestry Plan updated.

Violations: 204 Wilson Avenue the information has been given to Betty Band, Compliance. 235 Nicholson Road – pending. 26 Washington Avenue - pending. 105 Virginia Avenue – missing crape myrtle, Chris is gathering information.

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Tree Planting Spring 2022: Marge Howley, project manager, and Renee Papaneri, assistant project manager, gave an update for the tree planting 2022. The letters were mailed in September, 18% of the residents refused to have a tree planted in their curb strip. 92 trees have been ordered through ArcheWild and 11 from Plant Finder. There was a discussion on various species for the upcoming planting. All the gator bags should be collected and placed in the shed at the Environmental Center.

STC Approved Tree List: At the meeting, John offered to review when the list is updated.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Thank you to the non-members for their interest in the Shade Tree Commission.

Chris discussed the option of reducing the size of the sidewalks to 36" which would meet ADA requirements and increase the size of the planting strips.

Renee discussed various topics covered at the New Jersey Tree Foundation Conference. The STC could sell trees to residents. The trees could be ordered with the trees purchase during the yearly spring planting. A discussion ensued regarding the size of tree. Due to manageability, it was decided only trees in 15 gal. containers be offered for sale. Other ideas to promote planting of trees was to nominate your block. Renee also discussed various diseases and jumping worms harming trees.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **WORK SESSION**

Kevin Murphy will review the STC forms currently on the Haddon Township website.