

**HADDON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township of Haddon Shade Tree Commission held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 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
Kevin Murphy	Present
Renee Papaneri	Present
Jim Rhodes	Absent Excused
Morris Cooperman	Present
Betty Brookes	Present

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Additions to the agenda: Business District Trees and Accolade Elms.

MINUTES

Kevin Murphy motioned to approve the minutes from the January 25th, 2023 meeting. Renee Papaneri seconded. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Thuener, a resident from Lindes Farne attended the meeting to observe. Lee Palo, Haddon Township Compliance, attended the meeting. Also in attendance, Lauren and James Nasto.

BUSINESS

Tree Planting Spring 2023: Renee Papaneri reported that the 2023 planting will take place in the fall instead of the spring.

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Memorial Trees: Renee discussed the area behind the Community Garden as a location for Memorial trees. Morris Cooperman suggested Haddon Avenue, one location in particular is in front of Cook's. The discussion continued on the cost of the tree, planting the tree and a reserve to replace the tree if it dies. The group also suggested placing pavers at the Municipal Building's future pocket garden. No decisions were made regarding the Memorial Trees Program.

Salem Oak: At this time there is no schedule to plant the Salem Oak.

Tree Tenders: It has been verified that Tree Tenders would be covered for liability as long as all the paperwork is completed.

Community Forestry Management Plan: An extension is in place for the Community Forestry Management Plan. The main focus of the new plan will be the tree inventory.

Tree Inventory: tabled

Big Trees: A discussion ensued regarding selling trees to residents at cost to be planted on private property. John suggested it could be advertised on Facebook. No decisions at this time.

Shared Services: Chris spoke to Mr. Hastings from Collingswood about the possibilities of using shared services to use Collingswood's water buffalo to water newly planted trees. No decisions at this time.

STC Emails: Chris needs a volunteer to respond to the emails for the STC.

Violations: Lee Palo, Haddon Township Compliance, attended the meeting. Chris requested that Lee send letters to the following addresses: 235 Nicholson Road, 28 E Holly Avenue and 1218 Grant Avenue due to unauthorized removal of trees.

MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

It was suggested, and agreed as ok, to remove Accolade Elms if the root systems are severe problems, on a case-by-case basis (and due to the insect problem, this tree also experiences on some trees too). This tree should be handled like the precedent of removing invasive "Callery Pear".

ADJOURNMENT

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