

**HADDON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
MAY 24, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township of Haddon Shade Tree Commission held on Wednesday, May 24th, 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	Absent Excused
Jim Rhodes	Absent Excused
Morris Cooperman	Present
Betty Brookes	Present

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Additions to the agenda: Kevin Murphy requested 600 Westmont Avenue be discussed at this meeting. John Nystedt requested the approved tree list be added to the agenda.

**MINUTES**

John Nystedt motioned to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2023 meeting. Morris Cooperman seconded. Minutes approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rob Thuener, a resident from Lindes Farne Avenue attended the meeting and is requesting to become a Shade Tree Commissioner. Lee Palo, Haddon Township Compliance, attended the meeting for violations. Jim Nasto attended and is participating in Tree Tenders for Haddon Township Shade Tree Commission.

**600 WESTMONT AVENUE**

The resident from 600 Westmont Avenue is requesting permission to remove a tree to make room to widen his driveway. Although there are not enough attending members for

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a quorum, and Chris Squazzo is abstaining, Kevin requested the removal of the tree be discussed. Kevin feels that as long as the owner is willing to plant two trees, it would be approved to remove the existing tree. Chris Squazzo reiterated that the ratio for mitigation trees is 3 to 1. John explained that currently the resident is driving over and parking his vehicle on top of the tree roots which is killing the tree. A discussion ensued regarding other solutions to the parking issue which would be allowable by the Township as confirmed by Lee Palo, HT Zoning. Morris reiterated that the question that needs to be voted on is the permission to remove the healthy tree, not parking. Morris motioned to table the discussion. Kevin seconded. Voting will take place at the next meeting.

## **BUSINESS**

Tree Planting Fall 2023: Tabled

Tree Inventory: Tabled

Tree Tenders: Betty will drop off tree guards to Jim Nasto. Chris will notify the commission of addresses needing tree guards. Everyone should collect gator bags in their areas and return to Environmental Center shed.

Memorial Trees: John Nystedt suggested a patio be built behind the Environmental Center for placement of bricks for the Memorial Trees. It has been suggested that as part of the program the tree could be a newly planted tree or an existing tree. The placement bricks/placards could be at the tree location or Environmental Center. The cost for the memorial tree would vary depending on what options are chosen. It was also suggested that purchase of Memorial Trees is used as a fundraiser to plant more trees within the township. Chris will write up a proposal and share with STC before submitting to the governing body.

Community Forestry Management Plan: Tabled

Violations: Lee Palo, Haddon Township Compliance, attended the meeting. Lee reported 235 Nicholson Road – letter returned, no response – he will follow-up with a written violation to report to court. New violation at 401 Fern Avenue – Lee will follow-up.

## **MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John requested a copy of the new approved tree list for review. Chris will contact Renee and request a copy even if the list is not complete, just for review.

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Lee was asked by Bonnie Richards, Westmont Fire Company, if STC would like to place a wreath at the Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. John will make a wreath and present at the services.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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