

**HADDON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township of Haddon Shade Tree Commission held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 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 via phone
Marge Howley	Absent Excused
Kevin Murphy	Present
Renee Papaneri	Present
Jim Rhodes	Absent Excused
Betty Brookes	Present

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

No changes.

MINUTES

Renee Papaneri motioned to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2022 meeting. Kevin Murphy seconded. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

405 Graisbury Avenue, John Considine, attended the meeting to discuss options for the curb tree in front of his house. Chris Squazzo has evaluated the tree which is a Pin Oak and its canopy is 90% alive. Chris is recommending a maintenance prune. The homeowner, John, is concerned about the roots and the damage to his lawn. After continued discussion it was agreed to have Chris re-evaluate the tree for pruning. Options for pruning were explained to the homeowner.

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BUSINESS

Tree Planting Spring 2022: Renee reported the plans to plant 114 trees is complete. Renee is waiting on final budget approvals before planting letter is mailed to residents who will have a tree planted in their curb strip.

Tree Tenders: table

Memorial Trees: Chris reported that Morris Cooperman will be in charge of the Memorial Trees program. Renee added that the area behind the Community Garden would be a perfect location to plant Memorial trees.

Salem White Oak Seedlings: The tree will be planted at the Municipal Building once the plans for the pocket garden are completed.

Community Forestry Management Plan: Chris will contact Bill Brash for an estimate to write the new plan. Chris will also look into grant money. Chris will also reach out to Jim Rhoads for assistance.

Tree Inventory: tabled

Violations: Lee Palo, Haddon Township Compliance, attended the meeting. The current violations have been tabled until Chris reviews the information with Lee.

MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amanda Vile Sickler, 123 E Park Avenue, attended the meeting to learn more about the Shade Tree Commission's mission. Various topics were discussed including the need for Tree Tenders.

The New Jersey Shade Federation will be holding their annual conference in Cherry Hill on October 13th and 14th. Lee Palo and Morris Cooperman will attend CORE training. Renee will participate in the both General Sessions for the STC.

In the future, all new trees being planted will be staked.

ADJOURNMENT

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