

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Krayl Funch; Robert Margadonna

Absent: Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison; Frank DeLuca

The minutes for the March 16th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
 - **Tree Review:** Letters to property owners.
 - **Tree pit review:** Completed Main Street and Bridge Street, 32 tree pits were reviewed; 11 trees will need to be replaced due to health issue or species (pear); 3 trees will need to be reviewed by an arborist. Need to prioritize which tree pits will be done. Budget will not accommodate doing all of them this year.
 - **SavATree will update** our tree inventory the week of May 9th.
 - **Bucks Beautiful** – Fall plantings of bulbs. **Update:** No update.

New Business

- **Applications:** None.
- **2022 Arbor Day Event Discussion**
 - Date: April 22
 - Plantings were completed by HLM at Parry Mansion
 - Agenda Outline:
 - NHHS Introduction: Cindy will kick-off the event around 1:15pm.
 - STC Introduction: Gloria will talk about STC, have a quiz on the Proclamation. Tree jokes by Gloria.
 - Read Proclamation: Laurie asked Connie Gering, Council President, to read the proclamation.
 - Tree Knowledge: Anita will provide basic information on the tree species that were planted.
 - Prizes/Giveaways: Frank and Krayl will hand out raffle tickets. Yellow tickets for the children and green tickets for adults. The drawing is for giveaways, which include tree socks, tree shirts and metal straws.
 - Cindy has someone to do face painting for the children, along with crayons and a puzzle.
 - Musician: payment will be provided to Barry Peterson who will play guitar.
 - Michael Grinder or someone from the Friends of the Canal will set up a table with information.
 - Betsy Falconi will be here from Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve.
 - No one is available from Bucks Beautiful.
- **Growth awards for Tree City USA:** Will discuss in our May meeting.
- Long-term plans for the STC:
 - Ideas for **future plantings**; bare root tree options; Bucks Beautiful / business partnering.
 - Extend PHS bare root tree offer to Home Owners Association of Riverwoods.
 - Tree Tender group pruning, partner with others in 2023; Growth Award TCUSA.
 - Establish a long-range street tree replacement plan, incorporating prudent risk management techniques and trending conditions noted in the tree inventory.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Next meeting: May 25, 2022, 7:00 p.m.