

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Robert Margadonna; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison; Pete Gray, Borough Manager

Absent: Frank DeLuca

Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent cancellation of public meetings, the Shade Tree Commission did not meet in March and April. The May meeting was held via a Zoom webinar.

The minutes for the February 19th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Logan Inn results of Council meeting. **Update:** Work on the Logan Inn restarted three weeks ago. Project end date is not known. Several trees are to be planted based upon the Commission's review of plans. Laurie will contact the property owner for a progress report. Need to know when the Norway spruce will be removed.
 - Arbor Day event 2020. **Update:** The tree has been planted (the invoice from Hugh Marshall was forwarded to Laurie for payment processing). The event has been postponed to late June, possibly June 26th. Recommend a 4pm start time for the dedication. Laurie will coordinate with the Gering family. Pete will contact Mayor Keller to confirm his availability to attend. We are asking the mayor to read the New Hope Arbor Day proclamation as part of the ceremony.
 - Spring Tree Inventory review in May. **Update:** The 2020 inventory was completed by SavATree during the first week of May. Gloria sent the spreadsheet and link for the map. The SavATree invoice was forwarded to Laurie for payment processing.

New Business

- **Applications:** No new applications have been submitted.
- Letters to property owners with "Dead" or "Critical" trees, based on the May inventory
 - Potential to act on replacement of trees with prior multiple letters sent. Note: There are 18 shade trees in urgent need of attention. Three of these properties have already been sent letters. For Farley's book store the Commission is recommending that the tree pits be enlarged as well as the use of porous pavement inside the pits. The property is for sale and Pete will look into making it a condition of sale.
- Gateway to New Hope, 306 / 308 South Main Street plans submitted for review. Note: Plans received do not include planting plans. Pete will reach out to get the landscape design package.
- A review of tree pits on Bridge Street between the river and the canal confirmed that several pits are good candidates for porous pave material; will coordinate with Code Enforcement regarding sidewalk issues at 3 and 9 Bridge Street to potentially replace trees at the same time – awaiting Bridge Street Project. **Update:** Timeframe for the project to start is in July. Will need to remove one tree on the north side of the street and install porous pave in tree pits on the south side of the street.
- Review of long-term plans for the STC:
 - Establish a long-range street tree replacement plan, incorporating prudent risk management techniques and trending conditions noted in the 2019 tree inventory.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on June 17, 2020.