

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2020

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

Others present: Anita Maximo; Frank DeLuca; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison; Tracy Tackett, Zoning Officer; Kevin Kester, Van Cleef Engineering Associates; Jennifer Stark, property owner; Glen Stefan; Tony Barbaro and Carolee Hammond Barbaro, property owners

Absent: Robert Margadonna

The minutes for the May 20th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Logan Inn results of Council meeting. Several trees are to be planted based upon the Commission's review of plans. Need to know when the Norway spruce will be removed. **Update:** No update.
 - Arbor Day event 2020. **Update:** The event will be held on Wednesday, June 24th at 4:00 pm just outside the Community Room building. The mayor will read the Arbor Day Proclamation.
 - A review of tree pits on Bridge Street between the river and canal confirmed that several pits are good candidates for porous pave type material; will coordinate with Code Enforcement regarding sidewalk issues on 3 & 9 Bridge St. to potentially replace trees at the same time – awaiting Bridge Street Project. **Update:** Tracy said the Project is still moving forward and the plans are being finalized with intent to start in July. Zoning issued a code violation for the sidewalks but, will coordinate with this project.

New Business

- **Applications:**
 - Riverhouse at Odette's Landscaping Plan Review: Gloria noted that, based on our understanding, the original plan had several London plane trees but the current plan does not. Jennifer explained that the change was based on comments from the DCNR because of the wall that is there. A small piece of the property is owned by Odette's and the rest is owned by DCNR. Kevin said that instead of trees they will be planting native viburnum and serviceberry shrubs. The sidewalk is part of the project and the trees along the sidewalk near the road are going to be maintained by Odette's. Jennifer agreed to pay a fee in lieu of planting the new trees. Gloria said we can agree for a fee in lieu of for four trees. The amount would be \$400 to \$450 per tree, which includes planting.
 - 73 Mechanic St. removal (replace?): Glen Stefan received approval from Zoning to do the driveway. The tree on the corner will need to be removed. Gloria noted that the tree is not in our inventory but, is under Zoning's purview because of its size. When asked if the tree would be replaced, Glen did not know as there is limited space. There might be some ground to grow something small. Gloria will be working with Village II on having the stump removed. Removal is approved. A copy of the approval will be forwarded.
 - 10 Old Mill Road (Non-Shade Tree) removal of two trees: the trees do not fall under the Commission's purview nor the Zoning Commission's.
- 157 and 169 N. Main: Tracy met with property owners at the Planning meeting regarding trees and landscape. Street trees are in the proposed plans. Tracy will provide us the plans once 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 (44 S. Main St., 76 S. Main St.) Notes: Four letters regarding five trees were sent today with Peter and Gloria co-signing.
- 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 7:52 pm.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on July 15, 2020.