

NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Gloria Broeker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Frank DeLuca; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison;

Absent: Robert Margadonna

The minutes for the June 17th meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Pending items:
 - Logan Inn results of Council meeting – Norway spruce recommended to replace existing tree.
Update: Need to make sure the Borough office knows when the current tree will be removed. New plants for the landscape plan will be planted soon.
 - 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:** The project is still pending due to contractor delays.

New Business

- **Applications:** None
- We will consider planting new trees to replace trees removed by PECO Vegetation Management (Borough property along New Street) if we have money at year-end to grind stumps.
- Several trees are being removed at 56 Buttonwood. Gloria spoke with the property owner about this. Eleven trees to be removed, but they are not street trees. Gloria contacted Tracy as trees that are 15 inches or more in diameter are under the jurisdiction of the Zoning ordinance.
- Letters to property owners with “Dead” or “Critical” trees, based on the May inventory
 - Action taken to remove/replace trees at 44 S. Main St. and pruning at 76 S. Main St.; awaiting quote to replace concrete pads during replacement of one tree at 44 S. Main St. (Property owner to pay fee in lieu of planting second tree at this location). Gloria got a quote from Hugh Marshall on replacing trees at Farley’s and also talked to Rebekah Farley. Hugh recommended replacing only one tree due to the space available. Borough will pay for removal of both trees and stumps and putting in Porous Pave material for one new tree, enlarge the tree pit and repair the sidewalk. Rebekah agreed to pay in lieu of planting for one tree. Gloria waiting for revised proposal from Hugh Marshall. 76 S. Main: has pruned tree and will be removing the lights attached to the tree.
 - We will do site visits to North Main Street on Tuesday, August 4th beginning at 10:00 am. We will meet at the Borough Community Center.
- 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 7:36 pm.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on August 19, 2020.