

## NEW HOPE BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Gloria Broecker, Chairperson

Others present: Anita Maximo; Robert Margadonna; Krayl Funch; Frank DeLuca; Laurie McHugh, Council Liaison

The minutes for the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

### Old Business:

- Pending items:
  - Potential grant opportunities. **Update:** No update.
  - **Tree Review – Letters: Update:** Need to do site visits to trees listed in Critical Condition in the updated tree inventory from SavATree.

### New Business

- **Applications:** None. Noted that Tree #1243 was removed at 137 S. Main Street. It was a large ash tree.
- **Tree Pits – Porous Pave**
  - Thirty-two potential pits on Main and Bridge Streets: **Update:** Gloria received the estimate from Hugh Marshall. Total is approximately \$21,145 for all of the 28 tree pits that are candidates (mostly on the east side of Main Street). Will check the tree pits from 42 N. Main Street to The Parry Mansion on South Main Street. Laurie will check with Frank Cretella on scope of project for the brick sidewalk at The Mansion Inn as the bricks are uneven and could be straightened as part of the Porous Pave project.
- **Growth awards for Tree City USA (TCUSA): Update:** Gloria provided a spreadsheet for the five categories in the TCUSA Growth Award document. Each team member will take a category to review and discuss in August (A=Gloria, B=Anita, C=Frank, Anita, D=Bob, E=Krayl). Need to consider feasibility for each individual item in the five categories and how it may fit into a long-range plan.
- **Tree Checkers:** Need to check on bare root trees that were planted last fall. Report needs to be completed by August 8<sup>th</sup>. Team will meet at 9:00 am on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> in the Borough parking lot. New Hope Shopping Center trees planted in 2021 also need to be reviewed. PLS needs to follow through with watering these new trees.
- **Bucks Beautiful** – Fall plantings of bulbs. **Update:** No update.
- 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. **Update:** Nick Angelini, HOA Property Manager, got back to Bob with specific questions. Bob provided detailed information on locations where new trees can be planted. Bob will forward the document he prepared for the HOA earlier this year.
  - Tree Tender group pruning: plan to partner with others in 2023.
  - De-Vine Intervention: Need to coordinate with Public Works to meet regarding removing vines from trees in the parks. Will look to schedule in the third or fourth week of August.
  - Establish a long-range street tree replacement plan, incorporating prudent risk management techniques and trending conditions noted in the tree inventory; to be done in conjunction with TCUSA Growth Award outline.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**Next meeting: August 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**