

Allentown Shade Tree Commission
July 22, 2021 7:00 pm
Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/92252581473> Meeting ID 922 5258 1473
Phone in 1-646-558-8656

Minutes

Call to Order The in-person meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Terry Brown.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

Terry Brown - present
Kathy Fidler - excused
Kristine Hyer - excused
Bob Mayer - present
Lisa Strovinsky - present
Michael Sullivan - present
Suzanne Valpreda - present
Rob Strovinsky - present



Compliance Statement was read by Suzanne Valpreda

Approval of Minutes Due to not having a quorum of members that attended the June 24th meeting the minutes from that meeting will be voted on at the August meeting.

Announcements and Information

DPW planted 4 new trees with water bags on South Main Street near Bloomers and the Imlay House. And shrubs have been planted near the South Main Street to Heritage Park. The Heritage Park meadow has been mowed.

Members suggested cleaning up and planting shrubs or grasses around the base of the Allentown signs as a Eagle Scout Project for a scout who needs to complete his project by the fall.

STC needs to re-contact property owners who agreed to care for the lawn gardens about watering and weeding.

The Church Street streetscape project is expected to begin in the spring of 2022.

STC Volunteer Hours Volunteer hours for July are 30.

Public Participation There was no public participation

Business

The business discussed at the meeting was to develop a plan to encourage residents to plant trees on their properties. Listed below are our ideas

- 1) STC will share a table at the Fall Festival on October 9th and 10th with the Environmental Commission.
- 2) With a free raffle for Allentown residents only of a 7 or 10 gallon tree each day.
- 3) Repeat the free give away of 10 smaller trees to the first 10 homeowners interested.
- 4) Provide information about the benefits of planting trees. Suggest types of trees using our tree lists and pictures. Have list of local nurseries. Also information about the Spotted Lantern Fly.
- 5) Mike will donate Paw Paw seedlings to give to anyone.
- 6) Use a banner, the raffle tree and a sample give away tree to create interest.
- 7) Set a goal of new trees to be planted including replacements of lost trees.
- 8) Promote our Commemorative Tree Donation Program.
- 9) Repeat the Fernbrook sale/plant program in the fall of 2022.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.