

Allentown Shade Tree Commission
September 24, 2020 7:00 pm
Council Room, Allentown Municipal Building
8 North Main Street, Allentown, NJ

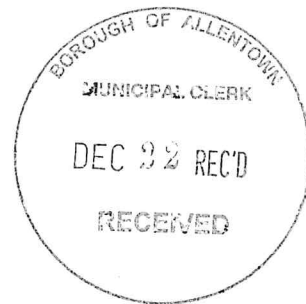
Minutes

Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Terry Brown

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

Terry Brown - Present
Kathy Fidler – Present
Bob Mayer - Present
Taylor Sapudar - Excused
Lisa Strovinsky - Present
Suzanne Valpreda - Present
Rob Strovinsky - Present



Compliance Statement was read by Suzanne Valpreda

Approval of Minutes Kathy Fidler made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 27, 2019 meeting. Bob Mayer seconded to motion which passed by a voice vote.

Announcements and Information Allentown received approval as a Tree City for 2019. Terry will submit our 2020 application during September or October.

STC Volunteer Hours Total volunteer hours for September are 31.

Public Participation Wil Borkowski was present streaming our meeting. Four people including Mayor Fritz attended.

Old Business

Our new Community Forestry Management Plan has been approved. Half of our 2020 goals have been completed. Terry will resend the remaining goals to members for suggestions to complete them. Mayor Fritz would like STC to look into the problem of the trees along Lakeview Drive coming down during storms taking down utility lines and poles. The trees are back from the lines so PSE&G does not trim them. The Mayor will look for outside help with this problem.

Captian Construction, the contractor for the North Main Streetscape is having a problem locating replacement trees. Some trees maybe used from the trees STC has on hold at Chesterfield Nursery. Lisa will check with Larry at Fernbrook Nursery if they have any trees available. She will also check the inventory at Pleasant Run Nursery, if there are trees available Terry will contact them about purchasing them..

STC will hold a pruning session in Heritage Park on October 3, the rain date is October 17. The session will begin with a "How To Prune" talk then the group will prune suckers and smaller branches. DPW will pick up debris the following week.

STC will work on information on the Spotted Lantern Fly during the winter that will be posted early in the spring of 2021.

STC has \$300 budgeted for training in 2020.

New Business

Lisa and Taylor will work on getting new Oak Trees planted this fall. The burn out of the existing sod in the area the meadow will be planted in Heritage Park will be done in September with seed dispersed with the help of the Allentown Garden Club mid October.

We discussed having a cleanup day in Sensi Park in the Spring 2021. And the planting of the lawn garden in front of the Library has started.

Adjournment Terry adjourn the meeting at 7:45.