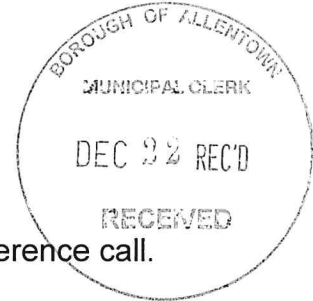


**Allentown Shade Tree Commission
October 22, 2020 7:00 pm
Council Room, Allentown Municipal Building
8 North Main Street, Allentown, NJ**

Minutes



Call to Order Terry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 via a conference call.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

Terry Brown - present
Kathy Fidler - present
Bob Mayer - present
Taylor Sapudar - resigned
Lisa Strovinsky - present
Suzanne Valpreda - present
Rob Strovinsky - excused

Compliance Statement was read by Suzanne Valpreda

Approval of Minutes The minutes from the September 24, 2020 meeting will be voted on at the November meeting.

Announcements and Information

Taylor Sapudar has resigned from STC due to personal and professional obligations. He will assist STC when possible.

Due to Thanksgiving the November STC meeting will be on the third Thursday, November 19, 2020.

STC Volunteer Hours STC volunteer hours are 32 plus 10 hours from public participation at our October 3 pruning event in Heritage Park.

Public Participation There was no public participation.

Old Business

Members discussed using the \$300 budgeted for continuing education in 2020 to purchase 2 new trees to be planted in Heritage Park. We already have the 8 CEU credits need to for Tree City this year. Kathy made a motion that STC purchase a Paper Bark Maple and a Yellow Wood for about \$240. Bob seconded the motion that passed by a voice vote. STC may also have an additional \$500 returned to the STC budget from a purchase that was not filled. Terry will check with June. Kathy made a motion to add the remaining \$60 from the \$300 above to the possible \$500 to purchase additional trees for Heritage Park. Suzanne seconded the motion which also passed by a voice vote.

Additional burn out needs to be applied in some areas of the Heritage Park Meadow. This will be done by spot spraying these areas. Seeding can still be done this fall.

9 out of the 10 trees planted by the contractor on the North Main Streetscape were damaged by the contractor and planted too deep. The trees have a 2 year warranty and will be replaced at no charge if they die during that time period. 1 tree was badly damaged and is expected to die. It will be replaced at that time. Hopefully after replanting the trees at the correct depth the remaining trees will be okay.

New Business

Lisa and Suzanne have volunteered to help Terry with the STC Website

Some plants have been planted in the Street Lawn Garden in front of the library. Additional plants will be added soon, Kathy has plants she will donate for that garden.

Kathy has volunteered to help Suzanne with the 2020 NJUCF Program Annual Accomplishment Report which is due early in 2021.

Lisa asked members to prepare a list of 3 groundcovers that can be used in sunny areas. At our November meeting we can start developing a list of groundcovers that can be used in our parks and street lawn gardens.

Terry mentioned a special award given by Tree City USA that we agreed was worth pursuing. Lisa told us about an interesting observation by the nursery industry about milkweed helping to kill and control SLF. She will send the information to members.

Adjournment Terry adjourned the meeting at 7:56.