

Allentown Shade Tree Commission
October 28, 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 Terry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held via Zoom and phone.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

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



Compliance Statement was read by Suzanne Valpreda

Approval of Minutes Kristine made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2021 meeting. Lisa seconded the motion that passed by a voice vote.

Announcements and Information

The November meeting will be held on November 18, 2021 due to Thanksgiving and the December meeting will be held on December 16, 2021 due to Christmas.

STC Volunteer Hours The total volunteer hour for October are 139.

Public Participation There was no public participation.

Old Business

STC received 2 Commemorative Tree donations during the Fall Festival. Lisa sent a thank you note to Good Earth Nursery for their donation of the Redbud for the STC free raffled. The Westfall family won the tree. All STC members were pleased with our presence at the Fall Festival.

Members found the pruning class given by Kevin Scibilia most informative. The class was attended by 5 STC members and 2 DPW employees. STC will schedule additional pruning sessions of smaller, lower branches this fall. With Kevin's help STC identified larger trees in Heritage Park that are a hazard and need to be removed or pruned. They include 2 willows and a Kentucky Coffee Tree.

DPW has planted 5 new Dogwoods, 2 in the Pearl Street parking lot and 3 in Farmer Park. There is a possibility that Pleasant Run Nursery will donate some plants this fall that could be planted along the Church Street parking lot driveway. We also discussed expanding our street lawn project. Terry and Rob are planning to meet with the homeowner at the corner of Farmer Drive and Quinn Road about donation plants from her garden to be used in the street lawns.

New Business

STC will ask the Borough to increase our 2022 Budget to \$19,900. The breakdown is \$200 for EAB treatment, \$7,500 for the removal of Ash Trees in Farmer Park, \$7,500 for large tree removal in Heritage Park, \$1,000 for 5 new trees in Heritage Park, \$3,200 for seed for the Heritage Park meadow and \$500 for miscellaneous.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM