

Allentown Shade Tree Commission

March 23, 2023 7:00 pm Agenda

Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/92252581473> Meeting ID 922 5258 1473

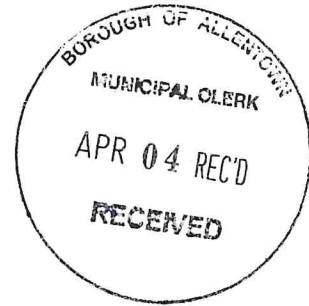
Phone in 1-646-558-8656

Call to Order 7:05pm

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

- Terry Brown
- Kristine Hyer
- Bob Mayer
- Lisa Strovinsky (excused)
- Michael Sullivan
- Suzanne Valpreda
- Rob Strovinsky, Council Liaison (excused)



Compliance Statement

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" Chapter 231, PL. 1975, Section 5, adequate notice has been given of the meeting by posting a Notice in a public place and by transmitting a Notice to two newspapers, THE TIMES and the ASBURY PARK PRESS as required by law.

Approval of Minutes from the February 23, 2023 meeting

Suzanne makes a motion to accept, Michael 2nds the motion

Announcements and Information

STC Volunteer Hours

Terry-24

Kristine-2

Bob-1

Suzanne-1

Michael-1

Lisa- (will get at next meeting)

Rob- (will get at next meeting)

Public Participation

None

Old Business

- Heritage Park invasive removals
 - DFW clear cut a section. Terry has been watching and it is not great for going in to poison the roots of the invasive species. Will continue to watch for sprouts coming up. Terry will send a notice for when we can go out and handle the invasives. Can keep cutting down multiflora rose. Wisteria, Japanese honeysuckle and English Ivy will need

monitoring. In the next week or two, we will go out to remove what we can. English ivy on an old tree, Suzanne will take off as much as she can.

- Church St. street lawns
 - Terry needs to put together a proposal for what Lisa has provided. Need to review and gather feedback on what Lisa has proposed. We will create a handout for residents on Church St, Suzanne will be a POC on this. Bee Lawn from Peri Wind out in Washington or Oregon (PNW) They have a mix specifically designed for street lawns. Possibly reach out to Marisa Keris of Keris Farms for street lawn flowers. Suzanne and Kristine will follow up.
- Ordinance for no net loss of trees
 - Still in the background. If anyone comes across an online search for ordinances. Best to look for no net loss rather than protection of trees. Stormwater permit is going to require the borough to have an ordinance in place which calls it protection of trees but it truly is not net loss. Will need to come up with a proposal for council, not a great rush. We have a bit of time but still need to keep this on the radar. Double check through old minutes
- Main St. tree trail
 - Terry has the tags, we need to find a day to put the tags in for the trees. No rush but something to complete soon. Mapped on the site just need to add the tags.
- Arbor Day plans
 - Terry Talking to NJ forester, our tree bare roots 3 diff types bayberry black willow and red oak, small medium and large. Terry is picking them up on March 27th. April 1st is Eggstravaganza. We are pigging backing off of that. 9am-1pm(?) Should have Terry, Suzanne, Mike, Bob, Kristine there. Set up and hand out items. Anything that is not taken, we can plant some oaks in Farmer. In the woods at heritage we can also plant. Mike and Suzanne can split to keep a few if we want to wait until fall to plant.

New Business

- Hazard Tree Course
 - Kevin can do the course sometime in April. Sunday April 23rd would be best for most. We need 3 people and can open to public works. If Kevin is not available we will need to revisit. Secondary Saturday April 22. 2nd option is Sunday April 2nd. Dependent upon Kevin's availability.
- Tree service injections are due for the 2 ash trees. Contact Bartlett to follow up on service.

Adjournment 7:48pm