

Allentown Shade Tree Commission
March 25, 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 7:02 PM via zoom and phone.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Kristine Hyer - present
Kyle Hyer - present



Compliance Statement was read by Suzanne Valpreda

Approval of Minutes Lisa Strovinsky made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 25, 2021 meeting. Kathy Fidler seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

Announcements and Information

Allentown has officially been designate as a Tree City USA for the fourth year. Ordinance 04-2021, Invasive Plant Species was approved by Borough Council on March 16, 2021.

STC Volunteer Hours Total volunteer hours are 52.5 for March.

Public Participation There was no public participation.

Old Business

As of today 6 people have contacted STC about our Spring 2021 Tree Program. STC and Fernbrook Nursery are offering 10 to 15 foot trees for the purchase price of \$325 which includes delivery and planting. The program will run to the end of March.

Lisa will contact Kevin Scibilia about giving STC and DPW a class on pruning basics. Attendees will earn CEU's for attending.

Members will survey the neighborhoods of Allentown including Lakeview, Greenfield, the Probasco Drive area, the Twain Drive area, Pondview Drive and Green's Way for

spots to plant street trees in 2021. North Main and Church Streets have new tree plantings mapped in conjunction with the Streetscape project.

New Business

STC's Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will begin on April 1, 2021. It was decided to offer 10 *Nyssa sylvatica* trees free on a first come first served basis. Information about the giveaway will be listed on the Allentown Borough website.

Terry asked members to look for native substitutes for the non-native trees on approved tree list.

In a discussion of damage being done to the Pawpaw and other trees in Heritage Park it was decided to install a trail-wildlife camera in the area of the Pawpaw grove. If apprehended the person(s) can be charged with destruction of public property.

Members talked about encouraging homeowners to install Street Lawn gardens in front of their homes by offering advice about plants and planting. Rob told us the street lawn between the post office and drug store in downtown Allentown may be filled in with bricks due to the foot traffic in the area.

The tree inventory on Main Street and Heritage Park should be updated due to new trees that have been planted and older trees that were removed. It was suggested that Mike Kamer may be able to help with this project.

Kristine is looking into increasing STC communication by using Instrgram and other social media. She has contacted businesses in town about supporting STC on their social media pages. Rob suggested STC post information in the kiosks at the parks and bulletin board on Church Street

Adjournment Bob Mayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Lisa Strovinsky seconded the motion which was approved by all members.