

**Allentown Shade Tree Commission**  
**July 28, 2022 7:00 pm**  
**Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/92252581473> Meeting ID 922 5258 1473**  
**Phone in 1-646-558-8656**

## Minutes

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Terry Brown in person and via zoom.

**Salute to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Terry Brown - present  
Kristine Hyer - present  
Bob Mayer - present  
Lisa Strovinsky - excused  
Michael Sullivan - present  
Suzanne Valpreda - present  
Rob Stovinsky - excused



**Compliance Statement** was read by Suzanne Valpreda

**Approval of Minutes** The minutes from the last STC meeting in March have been submitted and posted on the STC page on the borough website.

**Announcements and Information** The Church Street streetscape project has started with re-paving the street on July 25<sup>th</sup>. As part of the project Terry Brown representing STC, Roberts Engineering and Monmouth County Shade Tree have identified 20 trees for removal. 10 tree will be removed starting August 1<sup>st</sup> and will be replaced now. The remaining trees will not be removed while they are health and are not a hazard.

**STC Volunteer Hours** for April, May, June and July are 70.5

**Public Participation** There was no public participation

**Old Business**

Clean up of the invasive plants/tree in eastern end of Heritage Park will be done in the fall. STC will have a pruning session in Heritage Park one evening when the weather is cooler.

The Tree and Trails of Heritage Park tour will be given in September after the 5K run is held in the park.

**New Business**

We discussed the removal of several trees, replacement of the removed trees and new plantings.

- 1) The borough contacted STC about the removal of a large tree on Pearl Street. Bob made a motion to have the tree removed at a cost of \$2,300. Mike seconded the motion that passed by a voice vote.
- 2) There are 2 willows that are dying and a Kentucky Coffee Tree with a double trunk which needs 1 trunk removed in Heritage Park. Suzanne made a motion to ask Laurie to get a bid for the removal of the willows and the maintenance needed on the Kentucky Coffee Tree. Mike seconded the motion which passed with a voice vote. The willows will be replaced with new plantings.
- 3) 3 Dogwoods in Ashby Park have died. DPW will take them down and they will be replaced.
- 4) DPW will remove the dead Sycamore in the Pearl Street parking lot and will be replaced.
- 5) 5 Dogwoods in Farmer Park have been snapped off by vandals. DPW will remove the stumps. These trees may be replaced next year.
- 6) The size of the Cherry grove in Heritage Park will be increased with the planting of additional cherry trees.
- 7) We would like to increase the number of specimen trees in Heritage Park as a way to introduce different varieties of trees to the public. At our next meeting members will bring a list of their favorite trees. Adding a Tupelo has already been suggested.

Members of STC will re-inventory the borough street trees on North Main Street as a group in late August or September. Members will then be assigned sections of town to re-inventory individually.

Mike asked if any members had any suggestions on good SLF traps. We agreed the best ways to kill them is them spraying with a mixture of neem oil, water and dish detergent or a fly swatter.

Terry will demonstrate the STC online tree inventory at the next meeting.

STC is planning to have a table at the Allentown Fall Festival in October. We will decide what we want to do at the August meeting.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM