

Allentown Shade Tree Commission

March 28, 2024 7:00 pm Agenda

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

Phone in 1-646-558-8656

Call to Order - 7:01PM

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

- Terry Brown
- Kristine Hyer
- Bob Mayer
- Lisa Strovinsky (excused)
- Michael Sullivan (excused)
- Suzanne Valpreda
- Valerie Pellecchia
- John Elder (council liaison)

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

- Motion to postpone to April - Suzanne
 - Bob Mayer 2nds motion

Announcements and Information

- Rutgers is holding a tree seedling ID webinar. Licensed tree expert to hold the webinar. April 25th, 2024 at 1:00pm. Terry to follow up.

STC Volunteer Hours

- Terry Brown - 6
- Kristine Hyer - 1
- Bob Mayer - 1
- Lisa Strovinsky -
- Michael Sullivan -
- Suzanne Valpreda - 1
- Valerie Pellecchia - 4
- John Elder - 3

Public Participation

Old Business

- Create new Community Forestry Management plan for 2025-2029 - TBD
- CEUs - In the works for now, researching any opportunities available
 - Valerie currently has 3 from a class she has taken
 - Terry will find an updated list from the main point of contact, Kevin
 - Terry to hold a discussion on having Councilman John Elder to be core trained
- Public Spaces clean-up/pruning

New Business

- Arbor Day - Spring Stroll
 - Saturday April 20th 10am-5pm
 - Shared space with other committees/commissions
 - TBD on scheduling - Valerie/Terry to follow up on coordinating the slot times
 - Planning on a tree giveaway (raffle like fall fest in previous year)
 - Potential on having paw paw giveaways as well
- Pruning
 - Allentown Clean-Up day scheduled for 4/13
 - Allentown STC will choose another day(s) to prune the parks between now 3/28/24 and 4/13/24. This will be dependent on weather and scheduling availability
 - Removal of calary pear trees - these are an invasive species that need to be mitigated ASAP while they are still identifiable and flowering
- Pete Sensei Park
 - See pruning details
- Sara Barnes Park - invasive plants
 - See pruning details
- Parks and Public Spaces Strategic Plans (PPS)
 - Ensure that STC will have a key voice in the planning and implementation alongside PPS
 - Find best practices for utilizing PPS to achieve Shade Tree Commission (STC) goals

Adjournment 8:00 PM