

**Allentown Shade Tree Commission**  
**February 27, 2020 7:00 pm**  
**Council Room, Allentown Municipal Building**  
**8 North Main Street, Allentown, NJ**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order** Terry Brown called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**Salute to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Terry Brown - present  
Kathy Fidler - present  
Bob Mayer - present  
Taylor Sapudar - excused  
Lisa Strovinsky – present  
Suzanne Valpreda - present  
Rob Strovinsky - present



**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:**

Lisa Strovinsky made a motion to accept the corrected minutes from the January 23, 2019 Meeting. Kathy Fidler seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

**Announcements and Information**

The NJ Urban and Community Forestry Program Annual Accomplishment Report was submitted to the NJ Forest Service on January 31, 2020.

95<sup>th</sup> Annual NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference will be held on October 22 – 23 2020 at the Crowne Plaza in Cherry Hill, NJ.

**STC Volunteer Hours** Total volunteer hours for February are 23.

**Public Participation** There was no public participation.

**Old Business**

Kathy made a motion to spend \$1,500 for burnout and seed to establish the Meadow in Heritage Park. Lisa seconded the motion that passed by a voice vote. Rob will talk with Nick of DPW about installing a Bamboo barrier if possible in March.

Terry will submit the amendments to the STC Ordinances to Borough Council for approval. While reviewing Town Zoning ordinances Jennifer Elder Brady noted that many other town have ordinances about removing good, healthy trees in

private yards including needing a permit and/or planting a replacement tree. STC members would not support a new ordinance about the removal of trees in private yards.

Roberts Engineering identified 20 locations suitable for planting trees as part of the North Main Street streetscape. The town is planning to plant 12 new trees. Letters will be sent to homeowners this week were trees are going to be removed and replaced.

### **New Business**

Our Arbor Day celebration will be a pruning event held on March 21 at 10:00 AM in Heritage Park. Terry and Taylor will give a mini class on the correct techniques of pruning. The public will then be invited to help prune trees in the park. If the Spring Stroll is held in Allentown STC would possibly have a table with information about the Tree Trail and our Memorial Tree program.

After some discussion we decided that many of the plants donated to Allentown STC by Pleasant Run will be used in Sara Barnes Park on Pearl Street.

Rob agreed to represent STC on the Green Team.

**Adjournment** Terry adjourned the meeting at 8PM.