

**Allentown Shade Tree Commission  
October 26, 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 7:08PM**

**Salute to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

- Terry Brown
- Kristine Hyer
- Bob Mayer
- Lisa Strovinsky
- Michael Sullivan
- Suzanne Valpreda
- Rob Stovinsky, 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**

- Suzanne motions
- Mike seconds

**Announcements and Information**

**STC Volunteer Hours**

- Terry Brown - 10
- Kristine Hyer -2
- Bob Mayer -2
- Lisa Strovinsky
- Michael Sullivan -1
- Suzanne Valpreda -1.5
- Rob Stovinsky, Council Liaison

**Public Participation**

**Old Business**

- 2024 budget
  - No update as of now
- Tree City USA and Growth Award

- Suzanne and Terry discussed, and will be put on hold. Due date for end of Jan 2024, will revisit in late December 2023
- Total volunteer hours as of Oct 2023: 276

### **New Business**

- Encourage residents to plant trees project
  - New focus to encourage residents to plant trees instead of focusing in the park system
  - Possible contract option with help from STC
  - In person vs mailing approach
  - Potential to put money towards trees for residents to assist in cost
  - Natives, with exceptions, commitment for care subject to quarterly inspections with a shade tree commission designee
  - STC will help fund and provide literature and information on best practices, it is the responsibility of the resident to purchase the tree and STC will reimburse
  - Priority on local vendors
  - Verbiage and buy-in strategy to be discussed
  - Consulting offered, need to figure out transportation
  - Need to consult attorney as well
- DPW states hazardous trees behind the mill, STC will review this weekend

**Adjournment 8:17pm**