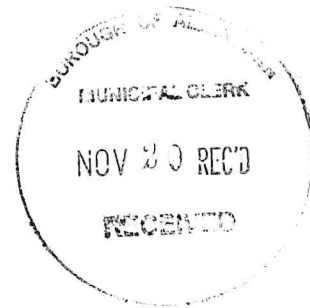


**Allentown Shade Tree Commission
September 28, 2023 7:00 pm Agenda**

Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/92252581473> Meeting ID 922 5258 1473
Phone in 1-646-558-8656



Call to Order 7:12pm

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

- Terry Brown
- Kristine Hyer
- Bob Mayer (excused)
- Lisa Strovinsky
- Michael Sullivan
- Suzanne Valpreda
- Rob Stovinsky, Council Liaison (excused)

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

-August Minutes approval Suzanne and Lisa 2nd

Announcements and Information

STC Volunteer Hours

Terry Brown - 16
Kristine Hyer - 2
Bob Mayer (excused)
Lisa Strovinsky - 2
Michael Sullivan - 4
Suzanne Valpreda - 1
Rob Stovinsky, Council Liaison (excused)

Public Participation

Old Business

- Commemorative Trees
 - Program on hold and will have Laurie remove mention from Boro website and hide information on STC website
 - Will revisit at another time but can be available on case by case basis
- Pruning in the parks
 - Another pruning needs to be completed in Heritage and Ashby - planned for Oct 3rd at Ashby

- Trees that have died in Ashby - when will they be replaced and which are on the contractor and which are on the town

New Business

- 2024 Budget
 - Remainder of 2023 budget will go to tree removal
 - Typically receive \$6000
 - Additional \$500 for CEUs
 - \$2500 of the budget will go towards working with homeowners/street lawns to plant trees instead of focusing on parks and work to create a program and decide when to launch
 - Contract
 - How to plant
 - Mark outs
 - How to water/mulch
- Tree City USA and Growth Award
 - Tree City - Terry and Suzanne
 - All volunteer hours need to be submitted
 - Tree ordinance
 - Arbor Day
 - \$2 per capita for STC (volunteer hours included)
 - Due end of December
 - Growth Awards - need to review any we can qualify for

Adjournment 8:15pm