

Allentown Shade Tree Commission
January 23, 2020 7:00 pm
2020 Reorganization Meeting
Council Room, Allentown Municipal Building
8 North Main Street, Allentown, NJ

Minutes



Call to Order Terry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Compliance Statement Suzanne Valpreda read the Compliance Statement

Approval of Minutes:

Kathy Fidler made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 23, 2019 meeting. Bob Mayer seconded the motion that passed by a voice vote.

Reorganization Terry Brown and Suzanne Valpreda will continue as Chair and Secretary respectively. Lisa Strovinsky will serve as Vice Chair. Bob Mayer made the motion for Terry, Lisa and Suzanne to serve as officers in 2020. The motion was seconded by Taylor Sapudar and passed by a voice vote. Council President Rob Strovinsky will serve as liaison to Borough Council for 2020.

STC Volunteer Hours Total volunteer hours for January are 56, this total included December hours for Lisa and Taylor.

Public Participation There was no public participation

Old/New Business

The first item to be discussed was Trees for North Main Street Streetscape listed under New Business on the agenda. Lisa gave an informative power point presentation of trees that could be used on North Main Street Streetscape. With the new North Main Street plan 10 existing large trees will be removed.

After some discussion we agreed on the following trees

Small trees to be planted under utility wires

- Paperbark Maple
- Serviceberry
- Fringe Tree
- Korean Dogwood – Snow Tower
- Japanese Tree Lilac
- Persian Ironwood

Medium trees

- European Hornbeam
- Maackia

Large trees

- Sycamore
- Red Point Maple
- American Elm – Princeton
- Kentucky Coffee Tree

Columnar to be used in a narrow street lawn

- Acer rubrum Armstrong Gold
- Magnolia x brooklynensis Sun Spire
- Quercus bicolor Beacon
- Quercus x Kindred Spirit
- Taxodium distichum Lindsey's Skyward

The Environmental Commission is interested in the details of the meadow STC is planning to plant this year in Heritage Park. The seeds STC is planning to plant contains 5 or 6 different grasses and 7 types of wild flowers. All the flowers and grasses are native to the area and will attract pollinators.

Members reviewed the completed revision of our Community Forest Management Plan. We also approved the revision of Ordinance 08-2017 Protection of Trees. Both will now be passed on to Borough Council for their approval.

Adjournment Terry adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM