

**Allentown Shade Tree Commission**  
**April 22, 2021 7:00 pm**  
**Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/92252581473> Meeting ID 922 5258 1473**  
**Phone in 1-646-558-8656**

## Minutes

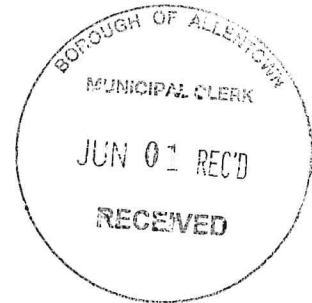
**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Terry Brown via zoom and phone.

### Salute to the Flag

### Roll Call

Terry Brown - present  
Kathy Fidler - excused  
Michael Kamer  
Bob Mayer - present  
Michael Sullivan - present  
Lisa Strovinsky - present  
Suzanne Valpreda - present  
Rob Strovinsky - present

Kristine Hyer - present  
Kyle Hyer - present



**Compliance Statement** was read by Suzanne Valpreda

**Approval of Minutes** Lisa Strovinsky made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 25, 2021 meeting. Bob Mayer seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

### Announcements and Information

Allentown has been awarded the Tree City Growth Award

Trees donated by Pleasant Run Nurseries have been planted at the Pearl Street parking lot.

The Allentown Garden Club donated \$400 for the purchase of plants to be planted in Senis Park. In addition the town also purchased plants to be planted in the park. Lisa reported the plants are ready for pickup, members will meet on Tuesday, April 27 at 5:30 – 6:00 to plant them.

8 trees were purchased from Fernbrook Nursery through STC's Spring 2021 Tree Program and the 10 trees from our Arbor Day Tree Giveaway have been claimed

## **Old Business**

Rob will check with Nick of DPW about scheduling the Pruning Basics class given by Kevin Scibilia to STC members and DPW employees. It will be a 1 to 2 hour field class.

Using the information members gathered members will walk through town to decide the spots and types of trees that will be planted this year. Bob suggested developing a long term plan of 3 to 5 years for tree planting.

Members agreed the information Suzanne gathered on Native tree substitutes for Non-Native Trees be added to STC's tree list. This includes adding the natives mentioned in her information that are not on the tree list now.

Mike reported there is no new damaged to the Pawpaw trees. Some of the tree tags have been damaged and need to be replaced. Replacement tags will be purchased along with new tags in the future.

## **New Business**

We decided it would be difficult to develop a program to encourage homeowners to plant trees on their property over zoom. We will meet in person later in the year to work on this program. Terry has offered the use of his backyard.

Our original i-Tree Storm survey was done at the end of 2018. It was agreed the 5 areas should be resurveyed. Terry will send out an email to schedule a refresher workshop on doing the survey.

Due to the streetscape work the trees on North Main Street need to be re-inventoried and additional trees added to our Tree Trails. Terry, Bob and Suzanne will work on this project.

Rob told us about the progress being made on Phase 1 in Ashby Park. A gravel pathway and fence will be installed by the town. Leftover funds from the grant can be used for landscaping on the right side of the park behind the homes on Broad Street. After walking the area Kyle and Terry will make suggestions of trees and shrubs suited for that area.

After being appointed to STC on February 2, 2021, Michael Kamer has not attended any meetings. Rob suggested his appointment be terminated and STC ask Laurie to send him a letter advising him of the situation. Kristine Hyer will move from associate to voting member.

**Adjournment** Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Mike seconded