

Allentown Shade Tree Commission
August 26, 2021 7:00 pm
Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/92252581473> Meeting ID 922 5258 1473
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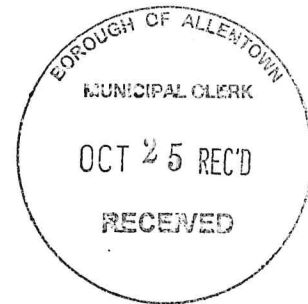
Minutes

Call to Order Due to an increase in COVID cases the meeting was held via Zoom. Terry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

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



Compliance Statement was read by Suzanne Valpreda

Approval of Minutes Bob Mayer made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 22, 2021 meeting. Lisa Strovinsky seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

Announcements and Information

Terry informed us that Kathy Fidler will be resigning from STC but will help at the Fall Festival. Kristine told us Kyle will not be able to continue as an associate due to work responsibilities.

The Pruning class given in conjunction with DPW will be held on August 31 at 5:30 in Heritage Park. The rain date is September 2. Members will meet at the Lakeview parking lot prior to the class to review the need to plant additional trees.

STC Volunteer Hours The total volunteer hours for August are 50.5.

Public Participation There was no public participation

Old Business

Listed below is the plan for the October Fall Festival held on October 9th and 10th

1) STC will share a table with the Environmental Commission. Use a banner to say who we are.

2) STC will hold a free raffle for Allentown residents only. Good Earth Nursery will donate a 7 or 10 gallon tree for the free raffle.

3) Give away Paw Paw seedlings donated by Mike to anyone interested.

4) Provide information about the benefits of planting trees. Suggest types of trees using our tree lists and pictures. And promote "Call before you dig"

5) Provide information about the Spotted Lantern Fly. Talk about ways of killing and controlling them.

6) Sponsor a Planting Clinic – have a signup sheet for interested people to "Come see how to plant a tree". The clinic would be in late October or early November and be held at the Lakeview parking lot when STC plants new trees there.

In 2022 set a goal of new trees to be planted in Allentown. Use a thermometer type graft to show our progress.

New Business

The Garden Club of New Jersey is awarding \$1,000 grants for planting new trees. The Allentown Garden Club will sponsor an application for the grant on behalf of the Allentown STC.

Rob suggested asking Kevin Scibilia to advise STC of any trees in Heritage that need pruning by a professional due to the job being too involved for DPW.

Lisa has added some new plants donated by Pleasant Run Nursery to the Street Lawn on South Main Street. The homeowner at the corner of Farmer and Quinn would like to donate plants from her garden to STC to be used in the street lawns and parks.

DPW has cleaned up the entrance to the Church Street parking lot. Lisa will take some plants that Pleasant Run Nursery is disposing of to be planted at the entrance. She asked members to help hold the plants at their homes until they can be planted.

Adjournment Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Lisa seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.