

Allentown Shade Tree Commission  
**October 27, 2022 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 7:05 PM by Terry Brown.

**Salute to the Flag**

### Roll Call

Terry Brown - Present  
Kristine Hyer - Present  
Bob Mayer - Excused  
Lisa Strovinsky - Present  
Michael Sullivan - Present  
Suzanne Valpreda - Present  
Rob Stovinsky - Present



### Compliance Statement

**Approval of Minutes** from the August 25, 2022 meeting

### Announcements and Information

The dates of the November and December meetings are November 10<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> instead of a formal meeting Terry, Kristine, Mike and Suzanne re-inventoried borough trees on the even side of North Main Street.

**STC Volunteer Hours** The total volunteer hours for September and October are 29.5 including 4 hours on September 22<sup>nd</sup> for tree re-inventory.

**Public Participation** There was no public participation.

### Old Business

STC will hold a workday toward the end of November to remove invasive plants and small trees in eastern end of Heritage Park. Terry will send out an email with the date depending on the weather. DPW will pick up the brush or chip it if their new chipper arrives in time.

It was decided to wait until spring 2023 to do pruning in Heritage Park.

## **New Business**

Rob will ask DPW if they can pick up our Commemorative Tree order at Pleasant Run Nursery. If DPW isn't available to do the pick up Rob will pick them up himself. The trees will be stored at the Water Treatment Plant until they can be planted. The person whose commemorative tree was cut down by vandals will chose between an existing tree or a new tree to replace their damaged tree.

Terry completed the re-inventory of the trees on South Main Street that members started on September 22nd. He divided remaining streets that need to be re-inventoried into 4 sections. 4 members each took a section and will do the re-inventory by the December meeting.

6 additional trees on Church Street will be removed as part of the Church Street Streetscape Project. STC has identified 39 spots on Church Street for planting new trees. Lisa suggested asking homeowners where a new tree is planted in front of their property to help care for them. To aid them we could give them information on the care and watering of young trees.

We also discussed encouraging Church Street homeowners to plant street gardens. Lisa suggested inviting homeowners to a demonstration planting of a street lawn that includes information on what plants grow well in their situation and how to plant and water them. Suzanne said she would be available by phone or email to the homeowners for questions about the planting and care of their street lawn.

Terry submitted our 2023 budget request of \$10,650 to Borough Council. This will cover tree removal, planting new trees, training and the contract for the STC website. To remain a Tree City town in 2023 we need 8 CEU earned by at least 2 members.

**Adjournment** Terry adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.