

Allentown Shade Tree Commission
December 8, 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 was read by Suzanne Valpreda

Approval of Minutes Lisa Stovinsky made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 27, 2022 meeting. Mike Sullivan seconded the motion which passed with a voice vote.

Announcements and Information

Terry cancelled the November 10th meeting holding a workday to remove invasive plants/vines in Heritage Park on November 12th. The workday was attended by Terry, Bob, Kathy Fidler and Suzanne.

Volunteer Hours The total volunteer hours for November and December are 27.

Public Participation There was no public participation.

Old Business

The re-inventory of the Borough street trees has been completed and the file has been updated.

16 trees have been taken down as part of the Church Street Streetscape project. Of the 39 replacement trees Terry requested for Church Street 13 new trees have been planted. STC will offer a handout on the care of these new trees to homeowners where the new trees have been planted. Rob will check with Nick of DPW about planting the trees from Pleasant Run Nursery. STC purchased 13 trees from Fernbrook Nursery for a total of \$450. These trees will remain at Fernbrook until March 2023 but were paid for with funds from 2022. 11 of these trees will be planted in Heritage Park, 1 will be planted in Ashby Park and 1 on Church Street. Rob will talk to Laurie about watering newly planted trees and the possibility of STC using the town's water truck.

Lisa did 2 sample drawings of street lawn gardens, one for shade and one for sun including a list of plants for both. It was suggested that STC invite homeowners interested in planting a street lawn garden to a class. STC could plant 2 gardens using the area in front of Mike's home for the shade garden and the area in front of Terry's for the sun garden.

New Business

Terry has submitted our 2023 Tree City application.

Suzanne will be working on our 2022 NJUCF Yearly Report, which is due on February 13, 2023.

Terry would like to have a backup person to assess hazard trees. Rob will ask Nick if he is interested in taking the course. Mike is also interested depending on his schedule.

Members agreed on the following dates for our 2023 meetings - January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28 and October 26, November 16, December 14 and January 25, 2024.

Heidi Hesselein of Pleasant Run Nursery gifted STC a copy of Nature's Best Hope by Doug Tallamy. All members are looking forward to read his book. Thank you, Heidi.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourn at 8:20 PM