

Allentown Shade Tree Commission
January 26, 2023 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 at order at 7:00 PM by Terry Brown via Zoom.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

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



Compliance Statement was read by Suzanne Valpreda

2023 Reorganization Terry Brown and Lisa Strovinsky with continue to serve as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson respectively. Kristine Hyer was nominated as Secretary by Suzanne Valpreda, seconded by Bob Mayer and approved by a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes Lisa Strovinsky made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 8, 2022 meeting. Mike Sullivan seconded the motion that passed by a voice vote. Bob Mayer abstained as he did not attend that meeting.

STC Volunteer Hours The total volunteer hours for January are 44.5.

Public Participation There was no public participation.

Old Business

Lisa has been working on information and drawings for the street lawn gardens on Church Street. We will review her information at a future meeting. STC is planning to give a demonstration to homeowners interested in planting a street lawn garden using the area in front of Mike’s house for the shade garden and the area in front of Terry’s for the sun garden. If we use the area in front of Terry’s house as a demonstration garden he will supply the plants and mulch. If homeowners decide not to plant a garden the town will seed the area with grass.

New Business

Review of the 2023 tasks for the Community Forestry Management Plan

- 1) Plans for Arbor Day – STC will hold a tree planting ceremony in April. Members will discuss ideas for the ceremony at the February meeting.
- 2) Assessment of Trees – STC members will have a refresher class on assessing trees. Bob suggest we have a refresher class once a year.
- 3) Hazard Tree Identification – Members felt it is important for all members to be able to assess hazardous trees. Terry will contact Kevin Scibilia about giving us a class. This will also satisfy the 8 CEU requirement for 2023.
- 4) Organize a cleanup day in Heritage Park to continue removing invasive plants.

STC has \$5,870 of encumbered funds from the 2022 budget that must be used by March. Members decided to use the money to take down dead Ash trees along Lakeview Drive and near the old cemetery on Lakeview Drive and purchase plants for the Church Street street lawn gardens.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM