

**Allentown Shade Tree Commission
February 23, 2023 7:00 pm Agenda**

Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/92252581473> Meeting ID 922 5258 1473
Phone in 1-646-558-8656

Call to Order 7:00pm

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

- Terry Brown
- Kristine Hyer
- Bob Mayer
- Lisa Strovinsky
- Michael Sullivan
- Suzanne Valpreda
- Rob Stovinsky, Council Liaison



Compliance Statement

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" Chapter 231, PL. 1975, Section 5, adequate notice has been given of the meeting by posting a Notice in a public place and by transmitting a Notice to two newspapers, THE TIMES and the ASBURY PARK PRESS as required by law.

Approval of Minutes from the January 26, 2023 meeting

Lisa motion to approve
Bob 2nds the motion

Announcements and Information

- Annual AAR Report has been submitted
- Has been approved

STC Volunteer Hours

Terry - 31
Kristine - 2
Bob - 1
Lisa - 2
Michael - 1
Suzanne - 3
Rob - 2

Public Participation

None

Old Business

- 2023 Reorganization
- Review of the 2023 tasks for the Community Forestry Management Plan

- Plans for Arbor Day - Rob sent out an email about the NJ forest service nursery. They have seedlings for sale and Rob was thinking we can hook that in with Arbor Day and Easter extravaganza in town Saturday April 1st, 2023 (rain date is 4/8/23). Farmer Park for the oaks (30), black willow (25), and bayberry (25). Approx 80 seedlings for about \$160. Bayberry and black willow will be giveaways. Some red oak will get giveaways and some we will plant in Farmer Park, can probably plant some willow as well. Suzanne motions and Mike seconds. Motion passed. Terry will put the order in and they will be picked up in Jackson, NJ. We will need to do some marketing, a QR code on tree planting.
- 2022 budget encumbered funds
- NJUCF Yearly Report

New Business

- Heritage Park invasive removals
 - Few weeks ago, Nikki, Nick, and Will and others wanted to get together and talk about removing invasive species in Heritage Park. They went in and clear cut the area. The wisteria will now grow out of control. Multiflora Rose will sucker instead of a single stem. Nothing to shade english ivy so that will grow out of control as well. As soon as the weather is nice, we should go out and dig up what we can and stump treat what we cannot.
- Church St. street lawns
 - Terry will send an email out for comments. Would like to get samples in as soon as we can to show people. Looking to hand things out within the next month. End of March we would like to have a handout ready and have it ready online as well.
- Ordinance for no net loss of trees
 - NJ DEP is changing the process order for stormwater permit. Community wide ordinance for tree replacement after removal. Trees removed must be replaced or pay money to the town fund. Terry will send out the link. How should we work on "No Net Loss" in a resident friendly way?
- Main Street tree trail
 - Replanting has taken place. We need to promote the literature of the new tree trail. May have to wait til spring to see if they leaf out
- Native plant tour? Include native plants and trees for food and medicinal uses - Lisa will look into this more
- *For a similar Fernbrook idea, Lisa can maybe get 8 taxodiums (2 gal) and 7 asiminas (1 gal) in honor of Arbor Day, first come first serve.

Adjournment 7:55pm