

City of Lambertville
SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of May 24, 2021 Meeting

Attending the meeting via Zoom were members Brian Herzhauser, Susan Wydick, Rich Mowry, Art Legere and Tom Ogren. Members Helen Pettit and Jessica Palilonis were absent. Chair Brian Herzhauser convened the meeting at 7:34 pm. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Approval of Minutes:

Brian made a motion, seconded by Art, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting. All voted in favor.

New Business:

1. 160 N. Union Street - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Susan McGrath made a request to plant a London Plane Tree in front of her home. *Tom made a motion, seconded by Sue, that the request be approved. All voted in favor.*

2. 161 Swan Street - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Steve MacGregor made a request to remove a dying White ash tree in front of his home. *Brian made a motion, seconded by Sue, that the request be approved. All voted in favor except Rich who abstained.*

3. 110 N. Union Street - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Robert Wilhelm made a request to trim branches (one dead and one near a utility line) and cabling to prevent the splitting of the tree caused by weak crotches. *Brian made a motion, seconded by Art, that the request be approved. All voted in favor except Rich who abstained.*

Old Business

STC 2021 Budget: Since the last meeting, Brian reported that he had spoken with City administrator Michael Drulis about the STC budget and was informed that the City 2021 budget had not yet been introduced. It was agreed that Brian should follow-up his conversation with an email requesting that \$2 per capita or about \$7,800 be included in the 2021 STC budget (to qualify for Tree City USA designation.) Brian reported that last month the City spent about \$230 for the Arbor Day tree.

Public/Commission Member Comments

Tom mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Commission had proposed a master plan for Sheridan Park which proposed the relocation of the park entrance. He expressed concern that

this would result in compacted soil near the large Red oak tree at the corner of York and George Streets. Brian reported that he invited Mary Anne Borge, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, to the June meeting to discuss the plan. After viewing the park plan, STC members shared their concern about the new entrance location and agreed that three members should meet on site with Mary Anne as soon as possible. Rich was to arrange a site visit with her, Art and Sue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Tom Ogren
Secretary