

**City of Lambertville**  
**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

**Minutes of June 28, 2021 Meeting**

Attending the meeting via Zoom were members Brian Herzhauser, Helen Pettit, Susan Wydick, Rich Mowry, Art Legere and Tom Ogren. Member Jessica Palilonis was absent. Chair Brian Herzhauser convened the meeting at 7:32 pm. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Brian made a motion, seconded by Helen, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting. All voted in favor.*

**New Business:**

1. 21 S. Main Street - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Linda Naylor requested approval to trim a large Zelkova tree in front of her house. *After a brief discussion of what would be trimmed, Tom made a motion, seconded by Brian, that the request be approved with the condition that 2-3 feet of limbs near the house and the flag pole on the adjacent lot be trimmed back. All voted in favor with Rich abstaining.*
2. 9 York Street - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Frank Fortunato requested approval to remove dead limbs on an ash tree in front of her house. it was not known if the tree had been treated for Emerald ash borer as previously approved. *Brian made a motion, seconded by Art, that the request be approved. All voted in favor.*
3. 23 Clinton Street - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Mary Lassaline requested approval to plant a tree or shrub in front of her house and a recommendation for a tree to plant. *After a discussion of an appropriate tree for this location, Brian made a motion, seconded by Tom, that the request for planting be approved and that four small tree species (European hornbeam, Hawthorn, Pear "aristocrat", and tree lilac) be suggested to the homeowner. All voted in favor with Rich abstaining.*
4. 119 N. Union Street - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Dina Fanelli requested approval to trim a large Norway maple tree at the corner of Union and Delaware Streets. *After an agreement that lower limbs over the streets should be removed or trimmed, Brian made a motion, seconded by Helen, that the request be approved. All voted in favor with Rich abstaining.*

**Old Business:**

Sheridan Park - Proposed Re-design: Mary Ann Borge of the City Parks and Recreation Commission appeared with landscape architect Carl Multer. In response to a "master plan" being considered by the Commission, STC members expressed opposition to replacing the two existing park entrances with a single main entrance next to the large Red oak tree. Art reported that he, Rich, and Sue had met at the site to review the new location. It was agreed by all that a new walkway at this location would compact the soil and thereby damage tree roots. Mary Ann suggested as an alternative that the existing two entrances be widened and that the fence between the entrances be removed. While she proposed planting shrubs in place of the fence, some members did not favor removal of the fence since it provided a better barrier near the tree.

**Public/Commission Member Comments:**

1. Helen raised the issue of giving property owners permission to remove hazardous dead trees or limbs without having wait 2 or 3 weeks to get STC approval at a regular meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued without resolution except for agreement to better monitor dead and dying trees. Further discussion may take place at the next meeting and possible consideration of an ordinance amendment.
2. Tom suggested that the newly planted trees on Church Street be pruned. Brian asked Tom to arrange a time for members to do that work.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Tom Ogren  
Secretary