

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

**Minutes of October 25, 2021 Meeting**

Attending the meeting were members Brian Herzhauser, Helen Pettit, Rich Mowry, Susan Wydick, Art Lerege and Tom Ogren. Member Jessica Palilonis was absent. Chair Brian Herzhauser convened the meeting at 7:36 pm. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act at City Hall.

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Helen made a motion, seconded by Brian, to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021 meeting. All voted in favor.*

**New Business:**

1. 41 Delaware - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Judith Colt requested approval to trim a Red maple tree with some dead limbs which was overhanging her house. *Brian made a motion, seconded by Art, that the request be approved. All voted in favor except Rich who abstained.*
2. 15 Jefferson - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Tayla Burns requested approval to trim a Linden tree overhanging her house. *Tom made a motion, seconded by Art, that the request be approved. All voted in favor except Rich who abstained.*
3. 54 N. Main - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Patricia Florio requested approval to remove a dead Ash tree and Pear tree in front her house. After a brief discussion, *Brian made a motion, seconded by Sue, that the request (including stump removal) be approved. All voted in favor.*
4. 64-66 Ferry - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Robert Bush of 64 Ferry St requested approval to remove a volunteer Mulberry tree that is badly damaged by utility company pruning and is crowding a Maple tree that was planted by the City. His request was authorized by neighbor Brian Sudoc at 66 Ferry Street since the tree affects both 64 and 66 Ferry Street. Helen expressed a concern that a no replacement tree was being required since this tree was alive. *Brian made a motion, seconded by Sue, that the request (including stump removal) be approved. All voted in favor except Helen who voted against the motion and Rich who abstained.*
5. 65 N. Union - Tree Action Request: Robert Pitts, representing property owner Stinesville LLC, requested approval to remove two dead Pin oak trees along N. Union Street and trim a Pin oak tree around the corner on York Street. He also agreed to plant replacement trees on N.

Union. *After a brief discussion, Brian made a motion, seconded by Tom, that the request (including stump removal) be approved. All voted in favor.*

6. Green Infrastructure Proposal: Mary Anne Borge representing Lamberville Goes Wild and the Parks and Recreation Commission, appeared at the meeting to talk about a "Green Infrastructure" proposal of those groups whereby they would partner with the STC in securing a State Urban Forestry grant for ash tree removal and tree planting in the wooded area above Ely Field (Music Mt.). She indicated that a tree inventory was necessary to apply for this grant. Brian reported on his unsuccessful efforts to secure City funds for a GPS device and software to undertake a tree inventory. Mary Anne mentioned that a State grant could be requested for that purpose if City funds were not available. Brian is to provide Mary Anne with information on the cost of the equipment and software for a tree inventory.

#### **Old Business:**

1. 42 York Street - Tree Action Request: Homeowner James Johnson initially proposed removal of a London plane street tree but, as a result of a site assessment, it was determined that only trimming was needed. The homeowners also proposed trimming a very large ash tree just beyond the sidewalk. *Brian made a motion, seconded by Art, that the request for trimming of the two trees be approved. All voted in favor except Rich who abstained.*

2. Big Tree Hunt Contest: Tom reported that contest guidelines and entry forms had been distributed to all students in the Lambertville Public School, grades 1 through 6. Students were given three weeks to return completed forms. Rocky Vellensky returned forms for the largest tree in three of the four contest categories: Maple, Oak and Sycamore. Casmir Ochman submitted a form for the largest Ash tree. Winners will receive certificate of recognitions and free large pizzas courtesy of Nicola's Pizzeria.

3. 51 Bridge Street: As a follow-up to discussion at the July meeting, Brian indicated that he would contact the developer of 51 Bridge Street who was required, as a condition of site plan approval, to plant **three** trees elsewhere in the downtown area. Sites he will recommend for tree planting include the public library and the southwest corner of S. Union and Ferry Street.

#### **Public/Commission Member Comments:**

Sue mentioned that a dead ash tree at 53 Quarry Street should be added to the list of ash trees in town. Tom will follow up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37.

Tom Ogren  
Recording Secretary

