

City of Lambertville
SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of April 25, 2022 Meeting

Attending the meeting were members Brian Herzhauser, Helen Pettit, Art Legere, Susan Wydick, Rich Mowry and Tom Ogren. Chair Brian Herzhauser convened the meeting at 7:36 pm. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act at the Justice Center.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen made a motion, seconded by Art, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022 meeting. All voted in favor except Sue who abstained.

New Business:

199 N. Main Street - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Dina Fanelli requested approval to removal a dying Ash tree along the Delaware Avenue side of her corner property. *Brian made a motion, seconded by Tom, that the request be approved. All voted in favor except Rich who abstained.*

Old Business:

1. Salem Oak: Tom reported that the Salem Oak seedling, which he obtained from the NJ State Forest Service, was planted on the Closson property with a deer enclosure provided. He described the location and added that the planting was mentioned on the City website.
2. Arbor Day: Tom reported that arrangements were made to have students from first grade classes at the Lambertville public school participate in an Arbor Day ceremony again this year. Mayor Nowick will read an Arbor Day proclamation. A newly planted tree will be mulched and watered by students. Brian said he arranged for the City's purchase of the tree. Rich said that he will have a Bur Oak planted for the event.
3. STC Trust Funds: Helen reported that she again discussed with City staff having an account set up to access trust funds for the STC. She found out that three accounts had already been created without Council approval included one for the new Delaware Greenway Partnership grant. Helen will further investigate further the use of the two other accounts.
4. Proposed STC Ordinance Revision and Procedures Manual: Helen proposed additional revisions to the ordinance including a requirement for STC approval of tree treatments and "emergency procedures" for STC involvement with "fallen trees and branches." It was pointed out that tree treatment was already regulated by the state through the licensing of treatment

applicators (Licensed Tree Experts) and that STC involvement with fallen trees and branches with no connection to a live tree was unnecessary. Discussion will be continued at a later meeting with revised wording to be provided by Helen and Art.

Public/Commission Member Comments:

Sue mentioned that under the Delaware Greenway Partnership grant, tree planting is to begin on Arbor Day. Rich offered to arrange delivery of two trees to a proposed planting site at the boat club property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Tom Ogren
Recording Secretary