

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

**Minutes of July 29th, 2019 Meeting**

Attending the meeting were members Brian Herzhauser, Art Legere, Helen Pettit, Susan Wydick, Rich Mowry, and Tom Ogren. Jessica Campo was absent. Chair Brian Herzhauser convened the meeting at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Approval of Minutes:** Art made a motion, seconded by Helen, to approve the minutes of the June 24th meeting. All voted in favor.

**New Business:**

a. 57 Quarry Street - Tree Action Request: Homeowner Florie Burke requested approval to trim a Norway maple tree with limbs overhanging her house roof. Ms. Burke, who attended the meeting, explained that the limbs allowed ants from the tree to enter her house. She also proposed that a walnut tree in the back yard be trimmed and was advised that this tree is not within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Tom made a motion, seconded by Art, that the request to trim the maple tree be approved. All voted in favor except Rich who abstained.

b. 43 S. Main Street - Tree Action Request: John Bugler, representing the Swan Hotel, requested approval to trim Sycamore trees which were overhanging the roof of the building. After viewing all of the trees at the corner of S. Main Street and Swan Street, members of the Commission concluded that their approval for trimming would be limited to one Sycamore tree on S. Main with a limb on the roof and one Sycamore tree on Swan with limbs overhanging the roof within ten feet. Art moved, seconded by Sue, that the owner be allowed to remove the branches as described plus any dead limbs. All voted in favor.

b. Budget Committee and Church Street Planting: Brian proposed the creation of a budget committee to propose how to spend the \$7,200 budgeted for the Commission in 2019. He appointed Tom and himself to serve on the committee. Art moved, seconded by Rich, to approve the committee and appointees. All voted in favor.

Brian indicated that one project which had been proposed for funding was the re-planting of trees on Church Street which had died. (The trees had been planted by the City as part of a sidewalk improvement project many years ago.) He said that this project could have a very substantial visual impact. Given agreement by other members, Brian proposed the creation of a sub-committee to plan and estimate the cost of re-planting of trees on Church Street. Brian appointed Sue, Rich, and Art as committee members. Art moved, seconded by Sue, to approve the committee and appointees. All voted in favor.

c. City Newsletter: Brian reported that he submitted a piece for the first quarterly newsletter and asked for suggestions for the next newsletter. Tom suggested writing about the new ordinance.

**Old Business:**

a. STC Ordinance Revision: Art reported that he attended the July 18th Council meeting to comment on the revised ordinance. After answering a few questions, Art indicated that the Council voted to approve the ordinance on first reading. (A public hearing, second reading, and adoption were expected to be scheduled for the August meeting.)

b. Recommended Tree List: Brian reported that he had just emailed to Commission members a revised list of recommended trees and the existing recommended tree list. Sue indicated that she developed the new list in consultation with Mary Ann Borge of Lambertville Goes Wild who proposed all native trees. Brian indicated that the revised list would be on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

c. Tree City USA Application: The Commission discussed the requirement to host an Arbor Day event and the timing for submitting an application. (An Arbor Day proclamation was prepared for and approved by the City Council in April of this year but no Arbor Day event was held.) Tom thought that the application should be submitted once the City held an Arbor Day event next April. Brian and other members felt that the application could be submitted before then with an Arbor Day event to be scheduled. Brian appointed Art, Sue and himself to work on the application.

**Public/Commission Member Comments:** Art indicated that he would be meeting with a woman who wanted to donate funds to the City for tree planting. Tom reported that he had measured the size of a large Red oak tree at 136 N. Union Street to be 13 feet 3 inches in circumference. Other members suggested he look at a couple of other potentially larger trees.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Tom Ogren  
Secretary