

Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

February 10, 20201

Attending: Chris Capodanno, Andrew Armani, Dan Amato, Lucas Stelling, Sandy Batty
Cynthia Korman, Council liaison
Student members: Jackie, Rebecca
Guest: Kirk Swenson, Woodlands Committee

1. Administration

January meeting minutes were approved as written

Council updates At the last Council meeting a resident raised concerns about trees being marked on the Newsweek property. The Council would like our recommendations on the ordinance changes as soon as possible.

Seedlings under NJ DEP Tree Recovery Program - bare root saplings.

We can use the following:

Arbor Day 100 (Phyllis)

Trout Derby 150 (Marnie)

Green Team 150 (Marnie)

Woodlands Committee - Kirk Swenson said they usually plant around 500 seedlings per year. They might be able to get additional volunteer help from the High School seniors as their volunteer project. The Woodlands Committee has already ordered 350 trees from another program.

When STC gets the free trees from the NJ DEP program, an advertisement will inform Morris County residents that they can get trees at the various locations. The Application is due on Feb 25. The Woodlands Committee will let us know how many they need.

Planting will be done in late April.

2. **Arbor Day** – Phyllis contacted the Wildwood principal. We might do a modified program outside the school, which will be streamed in the classrooms. Phyllis will continue to organize.

3. Ordinance subcommittee

The ordinance subcommittee met and drafted a memo that summarized their recommendations for changing Ordinance 102-36 to extend to all areas of the Borough, not just residential lots. The STC discussed the permit fee of \$250/tree, which seems low, as it is under the cost of a new tree for the Borough, currently about \$325. The STC also considered moving the fee to the Fee Schedule so that it can be adjusted to inflation.

Regarding removing “residential” from Ordinance 102-36, so that it will apply to any lot in the Borough, four were in favor, with one opposed and one abstained.

We need to submit a discussion item to the Council by March 3 to be on the agenda for the March 8 Council meeting.

4. Development Projects

- a. Sunrise Senior Living Buffer - Chris has followed up with Pine Edge Townhouses and with Borough Engineer who has talked to Sunrise. They have proposed to plant 18

additional deciduous trees. Pine Edge would like more trees and some evergreens. Pine Edge wrote to the Mayor and Council requesting this.

b. Highview Commercial/Zeri's Inn. The STC has followed up with the Planning Board, regarding planting on the Route 46 median and right of way. At the January Planning Board meeting High View submitted a revised map for planting but did not identify species to be planted. We would like to see more planting on Route 46, and have High View identify species.

5. Tree City USA Application Update

The Borough Manager has signed the Application.

6. Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP) Extension and Annual Accomplishments Report (AAR)

The NJDEP has extended the deadline for submitting our CFMP. This year we have only to submit our annual accomplishments report. To complete it, we will need our CFMP proposed budget and actual expenses.

7. Liaison updates

a. MLHS Student Liaison (Jackie/Rebecca) After the school break, they will be meeting with Mr. Mangili, Principal to discuss how many trees need to be planted.

b. Environmental Commission / Green Team (Marnie). Andrew has also joined the MLEC.

8. Historic Elm Program New Hampshire-Maine We had received a solicitation to buy historic elms, but the trees might be too expensive. The item was tabled until we can verify the cost.

9. As there was no other Business, the meeting was adjourned.