

Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Meeting by Zoom

Attending: Chris Capodanno, Lucas Stelling, Sandy Batty, Marnie Vyff, Dan Amato, Andrew Armani, Phyllis Deering
Council Liaison: Cynthia Korman

1. April Meeting minutes approved as written
2. Arbor Day & Tree Sapling Program
Arbor Day was done differently this year due to COVID restrictions. Phyllis, Marnie, Cynthia and Mayor Tom Menard attended. Children came outside in small groups, instead one large group as was done in past years. The STC representatives talked about trees, read a book, and sang a song. The mayor read the Arbor Day proclamation over the loud speaker. Phyllis said the format worked better as it allowed for more interaction with the students. STC gave out trees to the 59 kindergarteners.
Tree sapling program had lots of people come to the fire house to pick up saplings. Phyllis and Chris distributed the trees.
3. Development Updates
JCPL cutting on Intervale. Cy will be meeting with Senator Bucco to see if JCPL will pay for replacement trees and in the future will give notice to the municipality if major cutting is to be done. She asked if someone from STC could attend.
Route 46 Median A representative of NJDOT had said that we can plant in the median, but his boss said this was not allowed. However, he suggested we fill out a permit application. The Permit cost is \$250 and will need the Borough Manager's and police permission. We should try to have funds designated for planting the trees before we ask the Borough Council for support. We can ask businesses and residents for donations. STC asked Highview for money for tree planting. Chris showed plan for median planting. Marnie said the NJDEP sent a notice about grants for re-forestation. Phyllis will try to find out what the design standards are for median planting
4. **Honorary and Memorial Trees** Marnie has completed the information for the Borough website on honorary and memorial trees and she developed certificates. We are suggesting a higher donation of \$350/tree. This needs Council approval and Cynthia said that Marnie should ask Cara Fox, Deputy Clerk, to have the Council agenda include a resolution to include the \$350 fee in the fee schedule. The STC will follow up on a recent donation made for a memorial tree.
5. Trout Derby – Stocking will be on May 21, derby May 22. We have 20 saplings leftover that might be given out. Woodlands committee may have other saplings.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.