

Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Meeting by Zoom

Attending:

Chris Capodanno, Sandy Batty, Dan Amato, Lucas Stelling, Cath Mitchell

Student Members: Rebecca Hirschfeld, Margaret Berei

Council Liaison: Cynthia Korman

1. Administration

January Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

Cath Mitchell was welcomed as a new member

2. Prune and Remove list procedures

DPW has suggested using Paper Labels to mark trees for pruning or removal in 2022 rather than paint marks. This will avoid confusion and will also alert neighbors that a tree is about to be taken down.

3. Honorary & Memorial Trees certificates and list for website

Marnie, Margaret & Phyllis met to review the details and finalize the certificates. Margaret will be doing certificates.

4. Development

Sunrise

Further planting at Sunrise was discussed again using the Trust Fund. It was agreed that any planting would be on the private property of Sunrise and/or Pine Edge so a proposal should be made on the planting to the Shade Tree Commission for final approval (species, location, count, etc..)

Enclave

23 Trees were removed beyond their plan and the STC has presented recommendations to plant 23 new Trees on the site.

Veterans Housing/367 Bloomfield Avenue

The setback was reviewed and confirmed per the plan. The application is expected to be heard at the Zoning Board at its March or April meeting.

5. Tree City USA application is to be submitted in the next week

6. Liaison Updates

MLHS Student Update

The movie *Sacrifice Zone* about Environmental Justice was presented to students for discussion. A town resolution is being reviewed.

Environmental Commission (Chris) – Dialog took place between the MLEC and the Council/DPW on MLEC representation at DPW meeting and it was generally agreed that a guest from the MLEC could attend quarterly.

Woodlands Committee – The STC has invited the Woodlands to have a member join a STC meeting for our collaboration.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm and next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2022 7pm