

Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes from Zoom Meeting

June 22, 2020

Attendees: Phyllis Fast, Al Gallo, Susan Jeans, Guy Piserchia, Gordon Redgate, and Mary DeLello (recorder).

Absent: Don Farnell, Peter O'Neill, and Paul Tamburri.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Susan.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Challenge Grant Update

- a. Program will be offered again in the October, already have 4 families who want 2 trees each. Mary to put article in the paper at the end of August. Need to increase the price to \$200/tree. Al expressed concern about current spreadsheet and would like to revise to separate column for each tree to include Latin name. 2 trees – one per line. Al will call Mary by the end of next week to coordinate. Updated form looks good.

2. Peter O'Neill – if anyone is able to contact Peter, please let the Commission know.

3. New Tree Ordinance – Gordon and Susan met with Brendan. Waiting to hear back from Brendan on wording of ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

4. 13 St. Joseph Drive – trees intermingled with wires. JCP&L took down trees and DPW picked up the downed trees.

5. OEMS Shayne Daily - to be invited to a meeting to discuss hazardous tree removal.

6. New Hazard Tree List – list needs to be updated. Oaks Road and Church Road being redone and Ash tree needs to be removed.

7. Paperwork - Proper paperwork needed to pay John Linson. Gordon volunteered to follow-up on paperwork. Al Gallo offered to put requisition in the system.

8. Strategy moving forward – Group of people from STC to get together to strategize steps for moving forward. First order of business would be the tree ordinance. Brendan and Victor enthused about ordinance as a protection for the town. Second order of business to put together a plan for tree planting that would be funded by the Open Space Fund. Nursery would plant these trees. Susan suggested first project of major tree planting project be along Valley Road. Gordon to organize formation of the group.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

►Next meeting: **Monday, September 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM, location to be determined.**

Submitted by Mary DeLello, Recorder