

# Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

## Minutes from Zoom Meeting

### October 26, 2020

**Attendees:** Phyllis Fast, Al Gallo, Susan Jeans, Gordon Redgate, Paul Tamburri, and Mary DeLello (recorder).

**Absent:** Don Farnell, Peter O'Neill, and Guy Piserchia.

Meeting called to order at 7:18 by Susan.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Challenge Grant Update** – very successful. Completed with twenty-one trees planted including four more trees planted on Heritage Drive. Forty-two trees planted this year.
2. **Tree Ordinance Update** – final reading at Township Committee Meeting to be held at the beginning of November.
3. **Update on request for permit to remove street trees from resident on Midvale Avenue** - final decision was to leave the one Norway Spruce on the corner.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Valley Road Project** – John Linson has created a proposal for 14 trees of various species to be planted on Valley Road between Morristown Road and Warren Avenue in Stirling.
  - a. Guy P. will contact Morris County about project since Valley is a county road and Brendan has offered his support. Money will come from open space project funds.
  - b. Nancy Malool will offer advice on approach to project.
  - c. Estimates have been solicited from Hall's and from Rose Valley to establish starting point for proposal.
  - d. Proposal to be presented to the Township Council in early January.
2. **Melanie Burdorf officially submitted her resignation.** A thank you card has been sent acknowledging her service on the Commission. Ann Cade from Millington has applied to be a member of the STC as has Maryann Flaherty.
3. **2021 STC Meeting Schedule.** Approved over email and submitted to Township.
4. **STC Elections** – Move to agenda for December.
5. **Eagle Scout project** - Tom Osmond asked STC for help with his project of planting trees. STC needs more information on number of trees, types of trees, and budget before being able to suggest location for the trees. Possibly the Hicks tract as a suggestion. Paul, Gordon and Susan will work with Tom on locating trees.
6. **Update of CEU's for STC** – Susan will ask Al if he took CORE class. On 9/9 Paul took a workshop. Mary will get Paul information on applying for CEU's.
7. **JCP&L trimmed trees on Long Hill Road** – Phyllis said they are now done.
8. **Spotted Lantern Fly** – LHT Green Team was formed but never met. College student is interested in being on the Green Team. Laura Neff would be good to include on the Green Team. Warren and Watchung Green Teams are working on the Spotted Lantern Fly including tree removal and then tree replacement in the Spring. LHT should work with other towns on Spotted Lantern Fly.
9. **Educational Outreach** - STC should put articles in the paper on a regular basis to educate the public about Spotted Lantern Fly, Emerald Ash Borer, the Challenge Grants, the Big Tree List, and invasive species of trees. Ann Cade can write an article about Spotted Lantern Fly. Mary can submit articles to the papers.

Gordon made motion to end the meeting at 8:10, Paul seconded, all in favor.

►Next meeting: **Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM, location to be determined.**

Submitted by Mary DeLello, Recorder