

# Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

## Minutes from Zoom Meeting

### November 23, 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 7:02 by Susan.

Susan moved to accept the minutes from the October 26, 2020 meeting. Phyllis seconded, all in favor.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Tree Ordinance Update** – was accepted as amended at the November 12, 2020 Township Committee Meeting. An application from the homeowner is needed to remove a tree 12” or greater in diameter. Megan Phillips will record the applications. Homeowner is required to replace tree with tree of same species, 2” in diameter or greater or pay township \$300 replacement cost. Ordinance does not require homeowner to remove a hazard tree.
2. **Valley Road Project** – on hold until Guy can contact Morris County.
3. **New Members for Commission** – Both Ann Cade and Mary Ellen Flaherty submitted an application for membership. Gordon will reach out to Ann and Mary Ellen. Elections to take place at February meeting.
4. **Boy Scout Project** - Susan spoke to Scout who wants to plant 56 trees approximately 3 – 5 foot tall. Boy Scouts to do the work. Gordon and Susan walked through Hicks Tract to determine placement of trees. Trees could also be planted on municipal property and used to replace Challenge Grant failed trees. Project to be done in the Spring. Species to be determined.
5. **Update of CEU's for STC** – Paul will follow-up on his CEU's and Mary will let Commission know status of needed CEU's for NJUCF Accreditation Report.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Budget 2021** – needs to be in by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Susan will follow-up with Peter.
2. **Update Forestry Plan** – Al will give us information needed for plan.
3. **Tree City Application** – need to get John Linson on-board. \$5000 should be included in 2021 budget
  - a. **Volunteer hours** - completed by attendees.

Gordon made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40, Paul seconded, all in favor.

►Next meeting: **Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM, location to be determined.**

Submitted by Mary DeLello, Recorder