

Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes from Zoom Meeting

February 22, 2021

Attendees: Ann Cade, Susan Jeans, Peter O'Neill, Guy Piserchia, Gordon Redgate, Paul Tamburri, and Mary DeLello (recorder).

Absent: Phyllis Fast and Al Gallo

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Susan.

Susan moved to accept the minutes from the November 23, 2020 meeting, Gordon seconded, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Budget 2021** – Susan submitted budget to Nancy Malool. Susan will send budget to all. Included in the budget should be John Linson at \$90/hour with a cap of \$5,000 a year to include John providing a monthly timesheet with hours and work performed. Susan made a motion to accept the budget as prepared by Peter, subject to changes made by the Township Council. Paul seconded, all in favor.
- 2. Valley Road Project** – Susan has a rough estimate of cost from Bartons; Halls and Rose Valley to get back to her. The estimate is \$15,000 to include the cost of John Linson's design, Township engineering, the trees, planting, and gators. Peter will contact the Township Engineer regarding John Linson's design. Brendan Rae would like a ballpark dollar amount for tree projects, hard numbers and a presentation for the Township Council on the Valley Road Project. Susan will send out John Linson's design proposal and the estimate from Bartons to all.
- 3. NJ Urban Forestry Accreditation Report Updated** – done
- 4. New Jersey Shade Tree Federation Membership Renewed** - done
- 5. Tree City Application Submitted** – Initial application was submitted on 12/10/20 but was routed to the incorrect person at NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Application was routed to the correct person on 1/28/21.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Oath of Office** – Ann Cade read her oath of office and is officially a member of the STC.
- 2. JCP&L Project** - JCP&L Project funding can only be used for trees planted on publicly owned land. Township attorney says the right-of-way is considered private property. JCP&L will provide around 50 trees and will plant them but Township must provide watering and maintenance. There are number of different locations including Kantor Park or Hicks Tract for the JCP&L Project. Commission needs to clarify where trees should be planted. Cost of watering and maintenance should be provided by the Township. Guy requests being copied on all correspondence with JCP&L.
- 3. Arbor Day – Bare Root Program** – Not going to be able to do this project this year. Possible that Paul could take a workshop on planting bare root trees for next year.
- 4. NJ Shade Tree Federation – William J. Porter Grant Application** –
- 5. Boy Scout Project** - Tom Osmond would like to plant 56 native trees on public property.
- 6. Spotted Lanternfly Article** – Ann Cade wrote an article on the Spotted Lanternfly. Susan will send it to everyone. Mary will send to Township for website and to the local papers.

Susan made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15, Paul seconded, all in favor.

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

Submitted by Mary DeLello, Recorder