

FAIR HAVEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2021

STANDARD PROCEDURE - START

1. Call to Order: 7:32pm by Paolo
2. Sunshine Law: Paolo
3. Roll Call: Present: Beganie, Larsen, McCabe, Paolo, Neff

Absent: Reid, D'Angelo, Sullivan, Becker
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (May 5, 2021) – Ayes by all to approve the minutes

MEETING:

Project Updates

- a. Salem White Oak Seedlings (Paolo)

D. Paolo working with town arborist Bill Brooks and DPW to find a container for a five year home for seedling to grow, then can be moved with a forklift to permanent placement. Meeting with DJ Breckenridge, Parks and Rec Director and Rec crew for permanent placement in Fair Haven Fields. C. McCabe suggested Forefront atrium for interim life. L. Beganie asked who would maintain the tree for interim period; perhaps Garden Club of FH.

- b. Kwanzan Cherry Trees on Fair Haven Rd

A letter is being written with Shade Tree Commission's suggestions for the cherry trees on Fair Haven Road.

- c. Tree Giveaway Initiative (Paolo, Larsen)

Five total submissions; four received votes by STC. Hance Road entry was the winner – D. Paolo and Bill Brooks will work with the resident to determine right tree, right place for planting.

- d. Green Initiative (Reid)

Absent, no update.

- e. Social Media (Beganie) - Do we want to push educational ideas? Ivy/Invasives, construction tree protection, etc.

L. Beganie provided an update of 54 followers: “fairhavenshadetreecommission” handle on Facebook and Instagram. Looking for STC members to provide content. Thus far, she posted “protect a tree” graphics and will add invasive vines/tree information.

f. Arbor Day Poster Contest Results (D’Angelo)2020: Olivia Scott, 2021: Cricket Bailey

Prizes were delivered to winners at Knollwood.

g. Tree Risk Management Program (Sullivan) - Evolving towards a new Tree Inventory

Red Bank has an online tree inventory; Bill Brooks is looking into getting Fair Haven a free software tool from the state. There is a high school volunteer that will start helping build the online database.

h. Buttonwood Replanting

Ongoing project; Bill Brooks still looking at nurseries for the right tree. One tree giveaway submission was to plant the additional stretch of Buttonwood, but did not win. L. Beganie said to consider how those residents would feel with additional planting, if the committee wanted to move forward with this area.

i. Administrative – CEU’s/Five Year Plan (Paolo)

D. Paolo said the commission is on track, after completing the forestry class this summer.

j. Website Page W/Tree Suggestions

Working towards a better web presence for STC. D. Paolo will send suggestions to link off Borough website targeting the right tree, right place mission.

k. NJUCF Stewardship Grant (due July 9) - Tree Inventory

Missed the deadline for the tree inventory grant, but on track for a free solution.

l. Big Tree Hunt results, ongoing effort?

This was the first year the state conducted the Hunt. Fair Haven tree in DeNormandie Park won third place in the state, which is excellent recognition, Councilwoman Neff attended the ceremony. D. Paolo to follow-up to see if the Borough can add to registry all year long, or just during this event, as he believes there are more Fair Haven trees that can be nominated in the future.

m. Updates from Borough Arborist, Bill Brooks (Paolo)

JCP&L/Davey Tree is doing repair work on the locust trees in town. It should be done by Labor Day and is saving the Borough approximately \$6,000. Councilwoman Neff noted there is some negative feedback on the repair work, some of the trees were not cut properly.

Public Participation

Resident Susan O'Brien asked what locust trees are being taken down in Fair Haven Fields. D. Paolo responded they are on the eastside of the fields, by baseball diamond/McCarter (not natural area).

Proposed New Agenda Items

None.

STANDARD PROCEDURE - END

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06pm

Next Meeting: August 4, 2021