

# FAIR HAVEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2022, 7:30pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order @7:33pm

2. Sunshine Law Notice, D. Paolo

3. Roll Call

Present: Beganie, D'Agati, D'Angelo, Larsen, Paolo, Sullivan, Councilwoman Tracy Cole, Councilwoman Laline Neff (8:11pm)

Absent: Hoey, McCabe, Reid

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (March 2, 2022): All in favor.

6. Project Updates

a. Green Team and Eco Fair (Reid)

A. Reid absent. D. Paolo suggested purchasing tubeseedlings as a giveaway for STC booth at Love Where You Live Day. K. Larsen to follow-up on NJUCF pamphlets to give out as well and suggested using the 20 Years of Service Tree City USA materials for decor. M. D'Angelo noted that was a great social media opportunity. Regarding accepting donations, T. Cole said a receipt book is required by the Boro to track cash and checks.

b. Social Media (Beganie & Hoey)

L. Beganie posted a couple this month and is up to 99 Instagram followers. She is working on material for Arbor Day April 29.

c. Tree Inventory (Sullivan)

J. Sullivan discussed the key takeaways from NJUCF Core Training related to Tree Inventories. It confirmed her research to hire someone vs. do it yourself. Also, that the natural areas should not be categorized specifically the way street trees would.

d. Plaque at Denormandie Park (Reid)

Absent.

e. Kwanzan Cherry Tree Giveaway on Fair Haven Road (D'Agati)

P. D'Agati discussed the project with Borough Tree Specialist Bill Brooks. He is comfortable with the Kwanzans, or possibly diversify with other flowering trees. He noted 10 feet from the curb is appropriate. P. D'Agati researched tree product with nurseries and said they would be 200 pounds, so can be moved without heavy machinery. He would like to find a provider that can sell and install the trees; current quote is \$245 per tree plus delivery and installation. Councilwoman Neff is assisting in finding homes to plant the trees. D. Paolo

approached the builder of 304/306 Fair Haven Road, but is unresponsive. K. Larsen to follow-up with Zoning for requirements.

f. Tree Ordinance Review (D'Angelo)

Borough Attorney Canon has the Ordinance in rough draft form, based on input from a variety of constituents. Next steps are further review from Planning and Zoning Board attorneys and Borough Tree Experts. K. Larsen to connect CME with Mr. Cannon and STC Chair/Vice Chair.

g. Sportsman Field east tree line (Paolo)

No update/work has not begun.

h. Fair Haven Field Natural Area firewood project (McCabe)

Absent.

i. 2022 Big Tree Hunt (Paolo)

May 7, 2022 will be the Big Tree Hunt; can use this as a social media opportunity.

j. Arbor Day Celebration (D'Angelo)

150<sup>th</sup> celebration on April 29, 2022. Poster contest at Knollwood; winners determined at the next STC meeting. Pre-COVID, STC received approximately 30-40 submissions per grade. Pre-K and Kindergarten programs will be at the FH Library. T. Cole suggested using these posters as a backdrop for STC Love Where You Live Day booth.

k. Native Species List Project (Paolo, Larsen)

D. Paolo tasked C. Larsen and P. D'Agati to create a list of suggested tree plantings by size for STC website. He mentioned that Rumson and Red Bank have good examples and Bonnie Torcivia is a great resource. This will dovetail nicely with new ordinance updates. J. Sullivan believes there should also be a "Do not plant list" i.e. Bamboo.

l. Updates from Borough Tree Specialist, Bill Brooks

None.

## 7. Public Participation

Bonnie Torcivia spoke to the Forestry Service about attending the Big Tree Hunt. A Girl Scout Badge is available for participation. She thanked the Commission for working on the Ordinance and appreciates the promotion of trees that grow here naturally.

T. Cole gave a recap of the tree clear-cutting situation at 32 Fisk.

Robbyn O'Neill introduced herself as the Co-chair of Love Where You Live Day and thanked the STC for all their energy and thoughtfulness around the event.

## 8. Proposed New Agenda Items

- Tubeseedlings: Should we order a box (30, \$3 each) of tube seedlings for the Eco Fair?

The Commission was in favor of purchasing 30. T. Cole suggested in order to receive one, they need to provide an email or follow STC on social media to increase support.

## 9. Adjournment at 8:44pm



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**DUE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION, THIS MEETING IS BEING PRESENTED THROUGH THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THIS APRIL 6, 2022 SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING IS AVAILABLE BY CALL IN PHONE NUMBER OR THROUGH WEB CONFERENCE (ZOOM). MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ON MUTE UNTIL THE PORTION FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS, WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED. AT THAT TIME THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION/COMMENT BY PHONE OR THROUGH ZOOM BY THE "RAISE HAND" BUTTON AND WILL BE CALLED ON AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.**

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