

# FAIR HAVEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2022, 7:30pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order @ 7:36pm

2. Sunshine Law Notice, D. Paolo

3. Roll Call:

Present: Beganie, D'Angelo, Hoey, Paolo, Sullivan, Councilwoman Laline Neff, Councilwoman Tracy Cole, Borough Liaison Krystie Larsen, Borough Licensed Tree Expert Shari Spero

Absent: Larsen, D'Agati, Reid

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (April 6, 2022): All in favor.

6. Project Updates

a. Green Team and Love Where You Live Day (Reid)

In A. Reid's absence, D. Paolo gave her update: Reid is putting together the documentation for Sustainable Jersey regarding the Borough's Hazardous Trees Maintenance Plan, in the hopes there is enough information to submit and receive credit.

Reid suggested the following idea for the STC table at Love Where You Live Day: Create a Pledge Board where kids/adults sign their name on a colorful post-it (heart shaped) if they agree to protect our trees. The hope is to have enough signatures fill the tree and possibly can hang it somewhere (school, library etc). She will also add some fun facts about trees to make people aware of how important trees are. Additionally, she purchased twenty children's books about trees. Sullivan has 150 stickers for handouts. K. Larsen will organize a schedule of volunteers to staff the table May 14. T. Cole has a 15 foot diagram of a tree Bonnie Torcivia created as a backdrop for the table. L. Beganie working on social media posts for the event.

b. Social Media (Beganie & Hoey)

Beganie is working on posts for the Big Tree Hunt and Love Where You Live Day. She asked members to "Like" and "Share" posts and is also adding them to Fair Haven Moms and Dads page.

c. Tree Inventory (Sullivan)

Sullivan has revised/refined her search for vendors. Assistant Engineer Poruchynsky helped with content. Spero suggested using web-based application iTree, as it has capacity for all trees. Sullivan doesn't think Fair Haven has the expertise to do the inventory on their own, so is hoping for a grant to help pay a professional to conduct the inventory. Councilwoman Cole suggested creating an "RFQ" (Request for Qualifications) where STC can receive pertinent information and qualifications from vendors. Councilwoman Neff suggested sharing the document with Administrator Casagrande for ideas.

d. Plaque at Denormandie Park (Reid)

Reid is reviewing the plaque with Wendy, who nominated the tree, to finalize the plan.

e. 2021 Tree Giveaway, Hance Rd winner (Paolo)

Paolo has discussed planting the Elm for the winner with the Borough and will either purchase the tree and have DPW plant it, or use a Borough vendor to plant it.

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

Councilwoman Neff and D'Agati are planning a walk-through of Fair Haven Road and will knock on a few doors to solicit for trees. The cost has increased to \$500-600 each. Spero agreed that overall tree prices have increased substantially. Paolo remarked on the five new cherry trees planted on Fair Haven Road in front of the two new homes. McCabe mentioned that Privetera's Nursery was the vendor used in the Natural Area, to compare cost.

g. Tree Ordinance Review (D'Angelo)

D'Angelo thanked Spero for her help on crafting the replacement, mitigation and value sections of the ordinance. She typically sees \$35-100 for a typical tree ordinance fee, and doesn't recommend that number get too expensive. She encouraged not restricting replacements to only native trees, as global warming has created a shift in what trees are native and it keeps evolving. Councilwoman Neff suggesting using the Kwanzan cherry tree cost as the replacement value (\$500-600).

h. Sportsman Field east tree line (Paolo)

There is no update or movement on site.

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

McCabe said there was a trial run of the firewood project last weekend as part of the Natural Area cleanup near the Community Gardens. When down trees were cleared out, DPW helped cut and transport the firewood. He hopes to incorporate the firewood initiative at each Natural Area cleanup Day.

j. 2022 Big Tree Hunt (Paolo)

May 7 is the Big Tree Hunt. He encouraged members to spread the word and find trees.

k. Arbor Day Celebration (D'Angelo)

20 submissions from Knollwood School poster contest. D'Angelo will select one from each grade and work with K. Larsen to get Canyon Pass gift cards for winners. D'Angelo suggested winners can put the Arbor Day stickers on the Boro traffic signs. Councilwoman Cole followed up on her idea to create a collage with all the poster entries for Love Where You Live Day, but not sure on timing.

l. Native Species List Project (Paolo, Larsen)

K. Larsen shared an update that the list they are working on is leaning more toward "do not plant" guidance. D. Paolo suggested sharing the list with Spero for further guidance.

m. Updates from Borough Tree Specialist, Bill Brooks

Transmission line tree trimming will take place after school ends.

7. Proposed New Agenda Items

None.

8. Public Participation

Spero asked about the deer population in Fair Haven? Paolo responded they are plentiful. She suggested deer protection guards to protect the trunks of trees. She also suggested planting deer resistant species of trees/plants – perhaps posting the information from Rutgers on social media.

9. Adjournment @ 8:45pm