

# FAIR HAVEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2022, 7:30pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order @ 7:33pm

2. Sunshine Law Notice, D. Paolo

3. Roll Call:

Present: Beganie, D'Agati, Larsen, Paolo, Reid, Councilwoman Laline Neff, Borough Secretary Krystie Larsen

Absent: McCabe, Sullivan, D'Angelo, Hoey, Councilwoman Tracy Cole

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (June 1, 2022). All in favor.

6. Project Updates

a. Tree Ordinance Review, Mike D'Angelo

In D'Angelo's absence, D. Paolo updated the Commission that there has been extensive work on the Ordinance by many parties including: STC, two tree experts, Planning, Zoning, the Borough Attorney and some Council members. The next step is for Council to Workshop the draft and vet with public comment. Paolo noted the Mayor is supportive and believes there is a lot of momentum from residents for a revised ordinance.

b. Green Team, Andrea Reid

A. Reid is no longer on the Green Team due to scheduling conflicts. D. Paolo would like to appoint another STC member to act as a Liaison.

c. Tree Inventory, Jill Sullivan

In Sullivan's absence, D. Paolo updated the Commission that one proposal has been received from Davey Tree and possibly one or two other companies are in consideration. Once a Tree Inventory is established, it opens up more opportunities for grants and Sustainable Jersey recognition. This is likely a 2023 project.

d. Social Media, Leah Beganie & Kristen Hoey

Beganie said STC now has 116 followers. She started adding STC meeting info and a series for native trees is coming soon. Councilwoman Neff asked how spotted lantern flies affect trees and if that would be a good topic to educate the public on? The Commission was in consensus to add that content. D'Agati suggested adding actionable "How-Tos" for each season.

e. 2021 Tree Giveaway/Hance Rd winner, Dave Paolo

D. Paolo noted the winner was on the Zoom meeting. He assured her he was working on getting quotes to get two trees, possibly sugar maples which are a fall planting, in soon.

f. Kwanzan Cherry Tree Giveaway on Fair Haven Road, Peter D'Agati

No new updates; Councilwoman Neff and D'Agati planning to canvas Fair Haven Road residents in late August for possible planting sites.

g. Sportsman Field east tree line, Dave Paolo

Construction has begun at the site. D. Paolo will get an update from Borough Tree Specialist Bill Brooks for the next meeting.

h. Native Species List Project, Peter D'Agati & Chris Larsen

C. Larsen believes the list of invasives is too extensive and people would ignore. He believes focusing on a "Do" Plant List is a better strategy. He is coming up with a list of 30 trees/plants/shrubs that thrive in NJ and are readily available. A. Reid also suggested looking at Red Bank's extensive list.

i. 2023 STC Budget Discussion, Trust, Dave Paolo

STC purchased the DeNormandie Park Tree plaque from this account for \$415. The Trust balance will be important to monitor once the new ordinance takes effect.

j. Street Tree Replacement Project, Dave Paolo

STC would like to be more active with replacement trees as their Trust fund grows. STC would like to replant diseased trees that must come down in Borough right-of-way, such as the current Grange Avenue removals. Borough Forrester Bill Brooks suggested the Historic District as well. D. Paolo believes Buttonwood Drive tree replacements are dealt with at the Council level. Councilwoman Neff asked if the inventory software can help the Commission visualize the needs/impact of street tree replacement? D. Paolo said yes, it is not just a database.

k. Community Management Forestry Plan, Kristen Hoey

Absent. D. Paolo said Hoey will work on this with Sullivan as there is some overlap with the inventory project.

## I. Updates from Borough Tree Specialist, Bill Brooks

### D. Paolo relayed information from Bill Brooks:

- Buena Vista is a good example of a removal that was weak at the core and snapped, but was not obvious.
- Transmission wire tree trimming will take place on Ridge Road by Aspen Tree, which is a highly recommended tree company. He hopes they don't make the cuts look too jarring.

### m. Council Update, Councilwoman Cole & Councilwoman Neff

Councilwoman Neff said Council appreciates all the effort on the new Tree Ordinance. She believes the Borough and constituents need to look at the Borough's canopy holistically and manage trees accordingly.

## 7. Proposed New Agenda Items

Doorknob Hanger: D. Paolo suggested creating a form letter, whereby if a Shade Tree Commission member sees a "stressful" tree situation, they can send the resident a letter with a recommendation. A. Reid asked if Bill Brooks can provide a cheat sheet of hazard criteria to look for? K. Larsen said she would circulate the NJUCF Core Training documents with this type of information. L. Beganie suggested creating a doorknob hanger to place on the homeowner's front door for this, as well as other useful information/tree issues. L. Beganie to look into pricing on door tags.

## 8. Public Participation

Stephanie Adams, Oxford Ave, appreciates the desire of STC to work with the Green Team and find a replacement liaison. She likes the doorknob hanger idea and noted the Green Team is trying to do a distribution for recycling magnets as well.

## 9. Adjournment @ 8:32pm



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