

FAIR HAVEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2023, 7:30pm HYBRID: In person at Borough Hall and via Zoom

1. Call to Order @ 7:33pm

2. Sunshine Law Notice, C. Larsen

3. Roll Call:

Present: Christian Larsen, Jill Sullivan, Kevin McGovern, Leah Beganie, Bonnie Torcivia, Borough Secretary Krystie Larsen

Absent: Michael D'Angelo, Christopher McCabe, Peter D'Agati, Michael Hoey, Councilwoman Cole, Councilwoman Neff

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (June 7, 2023). All in favor.

6. Project Updates

a. Tree Inventory Grant, Shari Spero of CME Associates

Ms. Spero had questions on preparing the grant:

K. Larsen to look into Borough SAGE account access.

J. Sullivan discussed Fair Haven's objectives for the inventory. Street trees are the highest priority, if only awarded \$15K,000, vs. \$19,000 quote. Second priority is high traffic parks. The 25% match will be attained with volunteer/in-kind hours and employee hours once the grant is awarded.

J. Sullivan expressed her concern with the amount of grant webinar attendees; she thinks it will be very competitive. It is important Fair Haven gets this grant and would like to view the grant prior to CME's submission. She reminded the Commission that it needs a tree inventory to be in compliance with NJUCF, as our CFMP expires 2024. B. Torcivia volunteered to help. The grant is due August 25 at 5pm and will be awarded by late October. J. Sullivan and S. Spero to further discuss offline to craft the submission.

S. Spero advised STC of her feedback on the DPW plans; K. Larsen to forward to STC.

b. Updates from Borough Tree Specialist, Bill Brooks

Absent. C. Larsen advised there are 10 dead trees on Ridge Road that the power company will be removing.

c. CEUs, Chris Larsen

8 CEUs are required per year, by at least two different individuals. J. Sullivan took two webinars, equating two credits for STC thus far. B. Torcivia asked for information on the Shade Tree Federation Conference; K. Larsen to follow-up.

d. Green Team and Natural Area Update, Bonnie Torcivia

The Green Team is promoting information on spotted lantern flies and working on Third Street Trail Ailanthus trees which are a hot spot for spotted lantern flies. Frontier Tree Company did a productive clean-up in the Third Street trail area.

e. Community Outreach, Leah Beganie

168 followers. Four new posts are ready to go including the healing process post forest fires and mulch volcano education.

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

Absent.

g. Resident Tree Buying Program, Jill Sullivan

J. Sullivan shared her Powerpoint presentation detailing the program and asked STC members for comments and to share it. K. Larsen to post on Boro communications channels when complete. She noted Kwanzan Cherry trees will be available for purchase as part of this program. She hopes for the material to live/be distributed soon, as orders are due by 8/31.

h. Christmas Tree Replacement, Mike Hoey

Absent. C. Larsen advised that M. Hoey is meeting Borough employees for soil samples in Memorial Park.

i. Salem Oak Locations, Bonnie Torcivia

Two Salem Oak trees are still in B. Torcivia's backyard. Her first planting location choice is McCarter Park and she would like Sickles students to be involved. She will reach out to Principal Schwartz. She noted that prior to planting, markouts are required.

j. Spotted Lantern Fly Grant, Chris Larsen

There is a grant for up to \$15,000 for municipalities to help combat spotted lantern flies with a chemical treatment. The consensus of the Commission is they are not in favor of using chemicals.

k. Council and Tree Preservation Ordinance Update, Councilwoman Cole

Absent. K. Larsen advised that the Tree Ordinance was workshopped last month's Council meeting and discussions are ongoing.

7. Proposed New Agenda Items

K. Larsen to bring tree permit data to each meeting.

8. Public Participation

None.

9. Adjournment @ 8:39pm