

City of Lambertville
SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of November 26, 2018 Meeting

Attending the meeting were members Art Legere, Helen Pettit, Susan Wydick, Tom Ogren. and Jessica Campo. Emily Goldman and Deborah Galen were absent. In the absence of Chairperson Emily Goldman, Art Legere as Vice Chairperson convened the meeting at 7:40 pm. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Approval of Minutes: Art made a motion, seconded by Jessica, to approve the minutes of the October 22nd meeting. All voted in favor.

New Business:

a. Tree Trimming Request - 30 Delevan Street: Tom moved, seconded by Jessica, to approve the request. All voted in favor.

b. NJ DEP Tree Seedling Application: There was a brief discussion about where trees could be planted and who would do the planting. A possible planting location would be in the Woodcrest and Lambert Hill developments to replace ash trees. The seedlings are free. Art moved, seconded by Helen, to submit an application to DEP by the December 14th deadline. All voted in favor.

Old Business:

a. Street Tree Specifications: Helen emailed to members and distributed copies at the meeting of tree planting diagrams provided by the City's engineer, T&M Associates. Helen will request full size plan sheets with tree planting specifications.

b. Ordinance Revisions: This item was carried to the next meeting.

c. Ash trees and Emerald Ash Borer: Helen reported on an October 30th meeting of the subcommittee formed to deal with this topic. She distributed copies of the meeting minutes. The subcommittee is working to obtain a complete inventory of ash trees including those on property of the newer housing developments.

d. Bacterial Leaf Scorch Management Plan: No discussion at this time.

e. Budget Request to Mayor and Council: Tom proposed that the Commission request funds in the 2019 City budget for tree planting which would include a tree for Arbor Day planting and trees to replace 10 dead trees on Church Street planted by the City. Art suggested that additional funds be requested for tree maintenance and tree planting site preparation. Funds could also be used to replace ash trees or other dying trees. Art and Helen were to look into cost estimates to support the requested funds. Sue moved, seconded by Art, that the

Commission request as much as \$9,500 in next year's budget. All voted in favor. Tom agreed to draft a formal budget request for the next meeting.

Public Comments: Mary Ann Borge of Lambertville Goes Wild asked about the status of revising the recommended tree planting list based on suggestions she submitted at the last meeting. Art indicated that the Commission was committed to considering revisions to the list.

Meeting Date Change: Since the December meeting was scheduled for December 24th, the Commission decided to move up the meeting date. Art moved, seconded by Helen, that the next meeting be held on Monday, December 17th. All voted in favor.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Tom Ogren
Secretary