

City of Lambertville
SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of November 25th, 2019 Meeting

Attending the meeting were members Brian Herzhauser, Art Legere, Helen Pettit, and Tom Ogren. Susan Wydick, Jessica Campo and Rich Mowry were absent. Chair Brian Herzhauser convened the meeting at 7:35 pm. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Approval of Minutes:

Art made a motion, seconded by Brian, to approve the minutes of the October 28th meeting. All voted in favor.

New Business:

- a. Earth Day Celebration: Mary Anne Borge of Lambertville Goes Wild presented a proposal for an Earth Day celebration the first weekend in April involving the STC, the Environmental Commission, the Recreation Commission and Lambertville Goes Wild. (April 22 is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.) Proposed for the celebration is the distribution of tree seedlings to the public from the NJ Forest Service, the planting of a tree (in N. Union St. park?) and an educational program. All agreed that the STC would lend its support to the celebration.
- b. 99 S. Main Street - Tree Action Request: Thomas Konopelski, the new owner of the laundry mat at 99 S. Main St. with frontage on Mt. Hope Street requested approval to remove a pear tree which was blocking the view of his sign from Main Street. After a brief discussion. *Tom made a motion, seconded by Helen, that the request be denied and that the owner be invited to a meeting to review other options.*
- c. 7 Delevan Street - Tree Action Request - Brian reported that William Salasko, the owner of the former National Auto Parts Supply building, requested permission to trim a crabapple tree on Clinton St. which was overhanging the building. *Helen made a motion, seconded by Art, that the request be approved.*
- d. 92 Clinton St. -Tree Action Request: Brian noted that the homeowner, Christine O'Donnell, had submitted a Tree Acton Request form as requested following approval of her request for trimming a crabapple tree.
- e. 80 Clinton St.: Brian mentioned that Helen provided photos of an electrical cord wrapped around the trunk of a crabapple tree at this address. *All agreed that the letter should be sent to the property owner requesting removal of the wire by February 1st.*

Old Business:

c. Clinton Street Project (Phase II): Brian indicated that Sue had prepared a list of street tree species to be planted as part of the phase II project (from Delaware to Buttonwood). Brian also indicated that the owner of 121 Clinton Street did not want a dead birch tree removed as part of the project.

b. Review of Budget Presentation: Brian indicated that he has submitted a proposed 2020 budget to the mayor and council. Items to be funded included a direct mailing to residents about shade tree regulations, etc., conducting a tree inventory, applying for Tree City USA designation, tree trimming, a tree maintenance study by an arborist, and shade tree training course registration. He also indicated that funds for tree planting (including an Arbor Day tree) and removal (including the dead ash at the library) would be in the City capital budget.

c. Church Street Tree Re-planting: Brian reported that a proposal from Rutgers Landscaping to plant 18 trees along Church Street for approximately \$7,300 had been approved by the City. Planting is to take place in early December.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Tom Ogren
Secretary