

City of Lambertville

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of May 30, 2018 Meeting

Attending the meeting were members Emily Goldman, Deborah Galen, Susan Wydick, Helen Pettit and Jessica Campo. Tom Ogren and Art Legere were absent. Thomas Sheppard from the Hunterdon County Parks Department was also in attendance. Emily as chair convened the meeting at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Approval of Minutes: Deborah made a motion, seconded by Emily, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2018 meeting. Helen and Jessica abstained. The motion was approved.

New Business:

a. Delevan Street tree: The City requested the STC review and approve the removal of an Ash tree at the terminus of Delevan Street and the D&R Canal Park. Deborah made a motion to approval the removal of the Ash tree, seconded by Jessica. The motion passed unanimously.

b. City Hall tree: The City requested a tree be removed at City Hall for the installation of the historically accurate porch on the York Street façade of the building. It was discussed how the tree to be removed was planted by 1st graders on Arbor Day in honor of Mary Jane Legere. The Commission approved the removal of the tree conditioned on the planting of 2 trees.

c. Tree Canopy Goal: As part of the City's Sustainable Jersey application, the City must adopt a tree canopy goal. The proposed tree canopy goal, prepared by Keziah Groth-Tuft recommended the existing tree canopy be maintained. However, Emily indicated some future development may result in a reduction in the overall tree canopy within the City and recommended the tree canopy goal be reduced from 56.6% to 50%. The Commission approved the reduced tree canopy goal of 50%.

Old Business:

a. Bacterial Leaf Scorch Management Plan: Nothing new to report.

b. Ash trees and Emerald Ash Borer: The Commission will attend a meeting with Hunterdon County Parks Department employee Tom Sheppard to discuss the actions the County is taking to manage Emerald Ash Borer and Ash trees.

c. Ordinance revision: Emily to ask Tom to send a copy of the draft ordinance to Helen and Jessica.

d. Inventory: Tom Sheppard identified some possible resources for completing the tree inventory, such as Mercer County Community College, Delaware Valley Community College, and Raritan Valley Community College, as well as the Rutgers Master Gardeners program.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved at 7:00 pm.

Goldman,

Emily

Chairperson