

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

SEPT 1, 2020

RECEIVED
OCT 28 2020
STANHOPE
BOROUGH

MEETING OPENED 7PM

**ATTENDING, VIRGIL COLLIGAN, MARIA GRIZZETTI, ROE MAIO,
CHARLOTTE ZAWACKI, PAULA ZELIFF-MURPHY**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF FEB 4, 2020, ALL OK WITH 1
ABSTENTION.**

OLD BUSINESS

At our Feb meeting, we discussed rewriting the Shade Tree portion of the town calendar, maybe adding wording from our ordinance. Roe offered to do the rewrite but will first talk to Ellen about how much space is available.

In the Feb 2020 water bill we offered to our residents the opportunity to have a tree inspection by our forester. Because of the corona virus that did not happen. We can to that again for spring of 2021 but decided to ask Ron Farr and get his input.

Also at our Feb meeting we suggested doing something called "Tree Facts" as another insert into the water bill. Virgil suggested we could use information from the Tree City Bulletin or the "Arbor Day" publication, which would be easy to do.

NEW BUSINESS

We had the oaths of office for Roe, Charlotte and Virgil but we did not have a bible so we decided to wait until the Oct meeting and let Ellan know that we needed the bible.

PZ reported we now have 2 dead Japanese lilacs on Main St. One by the Stanhope House and the other in front of Headlines Barber shop. Roe said we should let B. McNeilly know that they need to be replaced. Should we replace the one by the Stanhope House?

MG suggested we could ask Ron about doing the tree inspection this Oct. PZ to contact Ron. Remember the TWGS is Sat, Oct 10. If this works PZ to contact the 6 people who requested the inspection last spring.

Virgil reported a hazardous tree that is on a paper street behind his house. We asked him to send photos to Ron to see if he can certify that the tree needs to be removed. We can then send that info to B.McNeilly since this is most likely a town tree.

He also knows of another tree that is along the path from Delaware Ave to the High School. Craig Ely is the Buildings and Grounds contact. Virgil will talk to him about tree ownership. It could be on private property or Board of Ed property.

PZ asked if everyone had received the booklet from NJ Shade Tree Federation's 95th Virtual Annual Conference. It is \$125 per person, for one or all of the sessions. Attending would

give us some CEUs for 2020. According to Donna Massa at the Federation, each session is worth 1 CEU. PZ wants to attend one or more of the sessions. For the year 2020 we need 8 CEUs divided between 2 people. However, if Ron can do the tree inspection in Oct, that gets us some EDUs. Roe voiced concerns about having enough money in our budget. We bought trees in 2019 and that money came out of DPW's budget since they have a line item for tree purchases. Shade Trees budget does not, so there may be money available. Oct 9th is the deadline to pay for the sessions.

CORRESPONDENCE

Oaths of office

Budget from Dana

BILLS None

ADJOURN at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Zeliff-Murphy Secretary