

CHESTER BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

October 23, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Chester Borough Shade Tree Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm. Chairman Don Hoven stated that proper notice had been given for this meeting in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" as follows: notice faxed to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record, posted on the bulletin board at the Borough Municipal Building and filed with the Borough Clerk on January 3, 2019.

Present: Don Hoven, Chairman, Chuck Feller, Vice Chairman and Anita Rhodes, Secretary
Absent: Patricia Kirby

The Secretary noted that there was no meeting in September.

Reading & Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes from July 24, 2019 by Chuck Feller and seconded by Don Hoven. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Minutes from August 28, 2019 by Don Hoven and seconded by Chuck Feller. Motion carried.

Correspondence

None.

SITE PLANS

None.

INSTALLATIONS

The Publick House - Block 107, Lot 17 (127 Main Street)

Pending. No response to STC memos, July 18, 2018 and March 20, 2019.

Personal CFO Real Estate LLC - Block 119, Lot 17 (384 Main Street)

Pending.

OTHER BUSINESS

TREE REMOVAL/TREE PLANTING

STC members have inspected the five trees recently installed by ELC Landscaping Group, Inc. and found problems with both the quality of the trees and how they were installed. Flare at base of trees were buried and two of the trees were installed at the wrong location.

Don Hoven reported that he has talked with Scott Juhlian and that the Chinese Elm and two London Plane trees will be replaced by the vendor.

On September 25 members present inventoried a portion of Pleasant Hill and Hillside Roads and six trees on Pleasant Hill Road and one tree on Hillside Road, all ash trees have been marked and added to the removal list. RFQ for fifteen trees to be removed will be sent to four or five vendors. It is hoped that the current budget will allow for all fifteen trees to be removed, but as several trees are very large it is always difficult to predict costs, especially if there will be additional expense for police presence to direct traffic.

A second RFQ for air spading of six maples around the gazebo on Main Street will go out after some additional research of possible vendors is completed.

The DPW have been grinding stumps but there is no report that the work is finished. Chuck Feller will check on the progress and update the stump list. He will also verify what trees have been removed by DPW during the summer and fall.

Don Hoven noted that there has been no communication from ECI, JCP&L's vendor, as to when they will remove five trees as part of their prevention tree removal program.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Don Hoven, Chuck Feller, Anita Rhodes and Kevin Eskow, DPW attended the Continuing Education Classes in Riverdale, NJ on September 25. Each received 4 CEUs for a total of 16 which will cover the 8 required for 2019.

Motion to adjourn by Chuck Feller and seconded by Don Hoven. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita I. Rhodes
Secretary