

CHESTER BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

February 26, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Chester Borough Shade Tree Commission was called to order at 7:00 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 emailed to the Observer Tribune on January 16, 2020, posted on the bulletin board at the Borough Municipal Building and filed with the Borough Clerk on January 3, 2020.

Present: Don Hoven, Chuck Feller, Ian Davidson and Anita Rhodes
Absent: Marla Jackson

Reading & Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes from January 22, 2020 by Don Hoven and Seconded by Chuck Feller. Motion carried.

Correspondence

None

SITE PLANS

The Car Wash at Chester, LLC - Block 131, Lot 5 (45 Maple Avenue)

The property has a new owner, subsequently this is a new application with a different proposal for a landscape plan.

Plan dated February 5, 2020 was reviewed and STC will issue comments after a site visit to look at space restrictions, viability of existing plant material and possible maintenance issues with what is currently proposed.

INSTALLATIONS

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

Pending.

Personal CFO Real Estate , LLC - Block 119, Lot 12 (384 Main Street)

Pending.

OTHER BUSINESS

TREE REMOVAL/TREE PLANTING

Chuck Feller has updated the stump removal list. He reported that there are seventeen stumps on the current list. Four on Elm Street, eight from the recent removals and tentatively six from the trees removed by JCP&L's contractors. At this time some stumps on Hillside Road and Pleasant Hill Road will remain. The list will be updated this spring and locations confirmed. STC plans to again ask the DPW to remove all stumps.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Don Hoven noted that he has filed the Annual Accomplishment Report with New Jersey State Forestry Services and will distribute copies to all members.

APPLICATION FOR TREE CITY for 2019 (35th year)

Don Hoven reported that he has filed the application on-line, and also followed up by mailing a hard copy.

FIND NEW LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AS CONSULTANT TO STC

As an interim solution STC will pursue an agreement with Dynamic Engineering, PC to continue to use Marla Roller who is now employed by them.

ARBOR DAY 2020

Selections, depending on availability, for 300 seedlings to give away on April 25 were made. Don Hoven will prepare a flyer and request that it be posted on the Borough web site.

BUDGET FOR 2020

Chuck Feller confirmed that STC spent \$18,329.15 in 2019. He will prepare a request for 2020 for STC review.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita I. Rhodes
Secretary

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Chester Borough Shade Tree Commission on June 24, 2020.