

Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes from Zoom Meeting

April 26, 2021

Attendees: Ann Cade, Phyllis Fast, Al Gallo, Mary Ellen Grunther, Susan Jeans, Peter O'Neill, Guy Piserchia, Gordon Redgate, Paul Tamburri, and Mary DeLello (recorder).

Absent: Theresa Dill

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Susan.

Peter moved to accept the February 22, 2021 meeting minutes, Susan seconded, all in favor. Susan moved to accept the March 22, 2021 meeting minutes, Peter seconded, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Spring Challenge Grant** – 20 trees have been ordered, selected places have been marked out, trees were picked up today and planting will start tomorrow. Al will stake and mulch as needed. Susan will visit homeowners to remind them to water their new trees.
2. **Budget 2021** – There were questions during the budgeting process on how to handle payment for John Linson's services and for the Arbor Day tree. The Arbor Day tree has now been paid for and Susan will put in purchase order for John Linson to be paid from the Township budget.
3. **Arbor Day** – Planted beautiful 18' tall Pin Oak at Stirling Lake.
4. **Princeton Elm** – Mary Ellen has information on Princeton Elm that she forwarded to Susan. There has been a great deal of information regarding the Liberty Elm distributed to different towns. Summit planted Liberty Elms but John Linson suggested the Princeton Elm instead. Susan will forward information to all.
5. **Boy Scout Project** – Thomas Osmond, Eagle Scout, has flagged and marked out trees at the schools and Stirling Train Station

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Letters to Tree Companies & Ordinance Article** – letters regarding the new Tree Removal Ordinance were sent to local Tree Companies. Landmark trees cannot be removed and the Big Tree list needs to be updated on the Township website. Ann will write article for the papers on the new Tree Removal Ordinance. Mary will forward current information to Ann.
2. **16 Nola Drive** - Al will reach out to Nelson Tree/JCP&L to have tree removed at 16 Nola Drive.
3. **JCP&L Sapling Program** – small sapling trees were planted last Thursday in Kantor Park.
4. **May 24th Meeting** – possibility of having an in-person meeting next month was discussed. The covered area at Kantor Park is an option as is the Gillette First Aid Squad. Guy will forward to Mary Governor Murphy's Executive Order regarding loosening of COVID-19 restrictions to distribute to members.

Susan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00, Guy seconded, all in favor.

► Next meeting: **Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM, location to be determined.**

Submitted by Mary DeLello, Recorder