

Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes from June 20, 2022

Attendees: Ann Cade, Phyllis Fast, Mary Ellen Grunther, Susan Jeans, Gordon Redgate, and Mary DeLello (recorder)

Absent: Theresa Dill, Al Gallo, Peter O'Neill, Guy Piserchia, and Paul Tamburri

Meeting called to order at 7:06 by Susan

Gordon moved to accept the minutes from the May 23, 2022 meeting, Ann seconded, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Restructure Challenge Grant** – Challenge Grant will stay as is, in part due to Al Gallo's resolution of trees that needed replanting.
2. **Landmark Trees** – Susan spoke to Randy Bahr about funding. John Linson and Susan will meet to look at the Landmark trees at 12:30 on July 13th at library. They hope to gather a complete list, with pictures, in that session or possibly with another drive through the community.
3. **Grants** – nothing to report
4. **Pamphlet Distribution** – Susan will give pamphlets to Mary Ellen who will bring them to the library and to the town hall entrance by Delia.
5. **Budget** – Guy said to Gordon that STC needs a treasurer. Gordon will handle budget for 2023 – 2024.
6. **Tree City Community** – done and updated. Gordon will remind Guy about Tree City flag. Signs ordered for all entrances to Long Hill Township.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Penalty to Tree Company and Homeowner in violation of Tree Ordinance** – Township Committee proposed an amendment to the Tree Ordinance stating it would be a finable offense if tree work is done by tree companies without an application completed by the homeowner. Both tree cutter and homeowner would be fined. July 13th is the second reading and public comment for the amendment before a final vote. STC would like there to be more supervision of tree removal on homeowner's property and not just supervision of tree removal in the right-of-way. Mary will ask Megan to place a link on the STC page to tree ordinance. Nancy Malool will send letter to tree companies regarding new tree ordinance when passed. Ann Cade will write an article about the new ordinance after it has passed. Ann will send article to Mary to send to papers.
2. **Planting on County Right-of-Way** – Guy to get back to Gordon regarding planting on the County right-of-way and also if STC can plant on private property such as the Military Museum. Need to approach owner of Military Museum before August to see if he would participate in Challenge Grant. Gordon will initiate the contact.
3. **Fall Challenge Grant** – Susan would need to start process in July and an article needs to be submitted to papers in August.

Susan moved that the STC will have a Fall Challenge Grant and the process will start in July. Phyllis seconded, all in favor.

Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45, Ann seconded, all in favor.

►Next meeting: **Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM, at the LHT First Aid Squad Room**

Submitted by Mary DeLello, Recorder