

Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

Minutes from September 26, 2022

Attendees: Ann Cade, Theresa Dill, Mary Ellen Grunther, Gordon Redgate, Paul Tamburri, and Mary DeLello (recorder)

Absent: Phyllis Fast, Al Gallo, Susan Jeans, Peter O'Neill, and Guy Piserchia

Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Paul

Susan moved to accept the minutes from the June 20, 2022 meeting, Mary Ellen seconded, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Landmark Trees** – Susan and John Linson identified Landmark Trees in LHT including diameter at breast height, crown diameter, age where possible, and address for each tree. An updated list of Landmark Trees will be on the Shade Tree Commission webpage with a link for each tree to a complete description. A map of all the tree will also be on the STC webpage. Mary still needs to add the Black Walnut on 46 Sunset Place in Millington. Some questions regarding the Landmark Trees: is there was going to be a plaque by the tree, and could Adobe Pro be used to make the map link to the tree description. Mary will ask Megan about Adobe Pro. A suggestion was made to add in the notes whether the tree is visible from the street or is the tree not visible from the street and on private property.
- 2. Penalty to Tree Company and Homeowner in violation of Tree Ordinance Grants** – Ann wrote article to be printed and placed on the LHT website. Town Council passed new ordinance 3 to 2. There's a fine of \$500 a day to the tree company if they do work in LHT without registering with the Township. Pine Valley received first fine. Penalty listed at end of ordinance. Gordon called Frank's today because they are not registered. Mary will ask Megan for list of registered tree companies and if the list can be posted on the LHT website.
- 3. Planting on County Right-of-Way** – Guy hasn't gotten back to Gordon yet. Gordon will check back with Guy and also check if STC can plant on private property.
- 4. Fall Challenge Grant** – There are nine requests to date for a total of 7 Sugar Maples, 1 Cleveland Pear, and 1 Redbud. Susan has contacted each homeowner and all locations but one have been flagged. Susan contacted Rose Valley and the trees have been marked. Al Gallo is removing stumps from two locations to make room for the Challenge Grant trees to be planted. There's a possibility of accepting requests through this week.

Paul moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40, Ann seconded, all in favor.

- ▶ Next meeting: **Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM, at the LHT First Aid Squad Room and via Zoom**

Submitted by Mary DeLello, Recorder