

CHATHAM BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

May 14, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Chrmn. Colleen Truppo called this Regular Meeting of the Borough Shade Tree Commission to order at 7:30 p.m., Room 301, upper level, Chatham Borough Hall. The Open Public Meetings Act was read aloud.

Name	Present	Absent
Colleen Truppo, Chrmn.	X	
Kristy Chmura, Vice Chrmn.		X
Fran Drew		X – at an Underground Utilities Advisory Comm. meeting
Ken Chmura	X	
John Tortorella		X
Patrick Florentino		X
Beverly Klepper		X
Tony Torello, Shade Tree Enforcement Officer		X
Dean Wilson	X	
Council Member James Collander		X
Liz Holler, Minutes Secretary	X	

A legal quorum was not reached at this meeting.

Public Comments

There were none.

Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

Commissioners reviewed the minutes of the April 16th STC meeting, noting a correction had been made on the roll call taken that night. They will officially vote on the April 16, 2019 meeting when a quorum is present.

Chrmn. Truppo reported that a lady from the Summit Shade Tree Commission has expressed in interest in the tree banners on display in Chatham Borough. This lady had also attended the tree walk Chrmn. Truppo had conducted last year for youngsters.

Discussion Items

Arbor Day Concert

In Vice Chrmn. Chmura's absence, Mr. Chmura gave a report on the concert, which was held in the ECLC auditorium on Lum Avenue. The principal of the school was kind enough to open up the school. The turn-out was modest, but well-received. Kristy Chmura performed on the harp, while her sister, Jennifer did readings. Mayor Harris arrived later in the concert. Mayor Harris had mentioned the concert at a recent Council meeting.

Mr. Chmura expressed appreciation to the Chatham Police Department for announcing the Arbor Day Concert on the digital sign recently set up near the gazebo. Mr. Chmura suggested alternate locations for future Arbor Day concerts.

Mr. Chmura handed over the donations given to the Shade Tree Commission at the concert to Chrmn. Truppo. \$135 was collected at the concert for the Borough Shade Tree Trust Fund. Chrmn. Truppo will take the donations to the Borough CFO, Mr. Day, to deposit into the trust fund account.

Fishawack Day 2019

Mr. Chmura and Chrmn. Truppo discussed the possibility of the Shade Tree Commission and the Environmental Commission sharing the same table again, as was done last Fishawack. Mr. Chmura will check with the Environmental Commission.

Shade Tree Report

Mr. Chmura suggested asking Mr. Torello to submit some kind of report every couple of months, giving an update to the Commission on tree conditions in the Borough – what trees have been removed, treated, trimmed, etc. Chrmn. Truppo noted that Margie Lowe, an administrative assistant in Borough Hall, keeps track of any applications concerning private Borough trees.

Chrmn. Truppo reported that Bill Heap has sent a letter to the Commission from the Jaycees offering a donation, as they did last year.

Borough Arborist activities

Chrmn. Truppo reported that John Linson, the Borough Arborist, has visited Cerbo's Nursery and has tagged the replacement trees which will be taking the place of the ash trees that were lost in town.

On other matters, Ms. Holler reported that lately she has been receiving a number of tree planting requests from residents. She asked Chrmn. Truppo when would be a good time to forward these requests on to her. Chrmn. Truppo recommended late summer would be a good time.

Mr. Chmura brought up the public response to the recent removing and trimming of Borough trees by the Nelson trucks, who are working for JCP & L. Chrmn. Truppo felt Borough Administrator Steve Williams' message on the Borough website helped clarify to residents what this project was all about.

At 8:00 p.m. the gathering dispersed.

The next Chatham Borough Shade Tree Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Room 301, upper level, Chatham Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Minutes Secretary

