

CHATHAM BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

7:30 p.m.

Chrmn. Colleen Truppo called this Regular Meeting of the 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	
Fran Drew		X
Ken Fekete	X – present by speaker phone	
Dean Wilson	X	
Kristy Chmura	X	
Ken Chmura	X	
Council Member Collander		X
John Tortorella	X	
Tony Torello, Shade Tree Enforcement Officer		X

In the Minute Secretary's absence, Chrmn. Truppo and Ms. Chmura kindly took the minutes of tonight's meeting.

Chrmn. Truppo read aloud the Mission Statement of the Chatham Borough Shade Tree Commission.

Public Comments

There were none.

Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

Ms. Chmura made a motion to adopt the minutes of the August 21, 2018 Shade Tree meeting as submitted. Mr. Tortorella seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The minutes of August 21, 2018 were approved as submitted.

New Business

Fall Planting

Chairman Truppo reported that planning for the Fall tree plantings is underway. More details to follow on the volume and species of the trees. Plantings will again be in late Fall (November/December) after trees have gone dormant.

New Business

27 North Summit Avenue

Chrmn. Truppo noted that 27 Hedges listed on tonight's agenda under New Business is incorrect. The address under discussion is 27 North Summit Avenue.

Chrmn. Truppo read aloud her following statement regarding the tree situation at 27 North Summit Avenue:

The builder reviewed our suggestions from last month's meeting. In order to move the driveway, they would have to remove an even larger black walnut tree (30 inches) in the backyard.

Additionally, while they are willing to comply with any and all instructions regarding drip line to protect the existing Maple, they have been required by the Zoning Commission to have two stormwater retention tanks/seepage pits which will require them to cut some of the roots of the Maple, in order to meet compliance.

They are willing to replace the 12-inch tree with two 6-inch (or larger) trees, which they have sourced from Barton Nursery.

Of note, Mr. DeNave, the Borough Zoning Officer and Engineer is adding a "checklist" requirement that before builders appear before the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and if they have any plans to remove a Borough tree, they must first receive a letter of approval from the Shade Tree Commission.

Chrmn. Truppo, Ms. Chmura, and Mr. Tortorella agreed to meet with Borough Engineer Vince DeNave to review the building site at 27 North Summit Ave. Chrmn. Truppo will follow up with Mr. DeNave to schedule this meeting.

CEUs and Shade Tree Federation Conference

Chrmn. Truppo alerted the Commission that there is still time to obtain CEUs through the online education webinars provided by Penn State University. It's critical that the Commission obtain adequate CEUs each year. Additionally, the NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference provide CEUs. Both Chrmn. Truppo and Vice Chairman Kristy Chmura indicated interest in attending this conference.

On other events, Chrmn. Truppo reported that she will follow up on the Sustainability Picnic being planned by St. Paul's Church in October.

Mr. Fekete suggested inviting members of the Zoning and Planning Board to attend a future Shade Tree Commission meeting.

At 8:04 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Shade Tree Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 7:30 p.m., Room 301, Upper Level, Chatham Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler, Minutes Secretary

