

CHATHAM BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION
August 25, 2022 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Colleen Truppo called this Regular Meeting of the Chatham Borough Shade Tree Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. in Room 301, Upper Level, Chatham Municipal Building. She announced that all legal notices had been made for this meeting.

Names	Present	Absent
Colleen Truppo	X	
Kristy Chmura	X	
Fran Drew		X
George Sweetin	X	
Dean Wilson		X
John Tortorella		X
Patrick Florentino	X	
Beverly Klepper		X
Council Member Karen Koronkiewicz		X
Liz Holler, Recording Secretary	X	

A legal quorum was not present.

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

Public Comment

There was none.

Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

The July 28, 2022 STC meeting minutes will be voted on at the September meeting when a quorum will be present.

Discussion Items

Chrmn. Truppo noted that she has been in contact with two local Scouts on their tree-related projects. One is a Girl Scout working on her Gold Project. The other is a Scout working on her Eagle Scout project. Chrmn. Truppo wanted to make sure these two project did not conflict with each other.

Chrmn. Truppo and Vice Chrmn. Chmura brought up the possibility that a Borough Tree Inventory could be split between the two Scouts. They also suggested one of the Scouts could do entry work regarding the special trees in town. Data-entry could also be done for the Tree Walks that the STC has done recently in Borough neighborhoods. Chrmn. Truppo had taken notes during those Tree Walks.

Chrmn. Truppo noted that the STC's next Tree Walk will be held the evening of Wednesday, September 7th. Additional Tree Walk dates will be established in the future.

On other matters, Chrmn. Truppo announced a program "Fall in Love with Trees" which will be held at the Reeves Reed Arboretum in Summit, beginning in September and continuing through October.

Commissioners discussed their Tree Planting program for this fall. Ms. Holler gave her pile of Tree Requests that had been emailed to Borough Hall for this year's program. There may be a little more time for requests to be sent in. Commissioners discussed the instances when homeowners ask for tree plantings they would like to install on their private property, instead of the Borough right-of-way.

Vice Chrmn. Chmura reported on a large limb from a large oak tree crashing down on a car on Meadow Lane last night. One of Ms. Chmura's neighbors had expressed concern about this tree being hazardous. Chrmn. Truppo texted Tony Torello at the Department of Public Works about this situation. (Please note: Public Works has now taken down this tree 9/22/22)

At 8:01 p.m. the gathering dispersed.

The next Chatham Borough Shade Tree Commission will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022, 8 p.m., Room 301, Chatham Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Minutes Secretary