

Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Attending: Andrew Armani, Dan Amato, Marnie Vyff, Lucas Stelling, Sandy Batty
Cynthia Korman, Council liaison
Student members: Jackie Rebecca

1. Administration

- Welcome new Borough Council liaison Cynthia Korman
- **New Membership:** Borough Council voted to appoint Dan Amato. Cynthia will include an announcement asking for two alternates in the Borough email blast.
- **Minutes** of December meeting approved as written.

2. Borough Liaison

- Cynthia asked about the 2021 budget request for Shade Tree prune and removal. She was referred to Chris to discuss the need.
- The Borough Council has questions on extending tree protections to commercial properties. Ordinance Subcommittee will meet to discuss and bring recommendations by next meeting. The subcommittee is Sandy Batty, Andrew Armani and Lucas Stelling

3. Honorary Trees 2021

- The Borough gives trees to honor departing Council Members. Also people often donate Memorial Trees and we work with them to choose the species and location. Marnie sends a letter of recognition to the individual or donor. Marnie will update memorial and honorary tree lists on our website.
- Marnie will share the emails she has created for the Honorary and Memorial Tree process.

4. Development Projects

- Highview / Zeri's Inn Development: Lake Arrowhead residents asked for trees on Route 46 median and right of way to act as a buffer for their neighborhood. The STC wrote to the Planning Board in support.

5. Tree City Application

- Phyllis Deering has almost completed the application, with only a few items left, including budget numbers and the number of volunteer hours. The Application is due February 15.

6. Liaison updates

MLHS Student Liaisons. Student members would like to plant a few trees on the high school property now that construction is nearly complete. The STC will discuss logistics and how to get it done.

6. Arbor Day Planning

- Last year COVID-19 cancelled the Arbor Day Celebration. Phyllis will contact the Wildwood principal to find out if we can have a celebration this year.

7. As there was no other Business the meeting was adjourned.