

# Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Meeting by Zoom

**Attending:** Chris Capodanno, Lucas Stelling, Sandy Batty, Marnie Vyff, Dan Amato, Andrew Armani, Phyllis Deering  
Council Liaison: Cynthia Korman

## 1. Administration

The May minutes were approved as written.

Dan said that one student has applied for membership in the STC, but we may have more. We will have informal talks with the applicants on why they want to be on the STC.

The STC will not meet in July and August but members will be working on their tree inventories.

## 2. Development Updates

**Sunrise** Chris and Sandy accompanied Bill Ryden to meet with Sunrise representatives to confirm where new trees will be planted. Twelve evergreens died so Sunrise will be replacing them.

**JCP&L** Cy, Lucas and Tom Menard met with Senator Bucco about the JCP&L clear cutting in Intervale Road right of way. At meeting STC requested Bucco tell JCP&L to avoid or minimize additional cutting and protect the big oak in right of way. We also want JCP&L to provide funding for replanting. Lucas will research the laws to see what is required regarding distance and notice to towns and neighbors when utilities remove trees. STC would also like to know if JCP&L can be required to consult with Shade Tree Commission before cutting. We are waiting for a proposal from Cerbo's regarding the cost of replanting.

The next step will be to have Bucco and representatives of the STC, the Borough Council, and Parsippany meet with JCP&L representatives. Cy will contact Bucco to set up.

**Route 46 Median Planting** Phyllis sent an email to DOT and got the names of people in landscape standards.

**Zeri's / Highview** Public comments were heard at the May Planning Board meeting. The Board plans to deliberate and decide at the June meeting.

**3. Honorary and Memorial Trees** Marnie will go to the Council meeting on June 14. She has submitted the STC request to the Borough Council to add the \$350 fee for honorary/memorial trees to the fee schedule. The request is part of the agenda packet for the meeting. The fees collected will go into the Shade Tree Fund.

**4. Tree grants.** This year's Borough budget has funds for 37 trees. The STC discussed whether to apply for grants for more trees. Marnie suggested asking residents in Borough blast if they want to donate money for a tree and perhaps we could plant around new Borough Hall.

Phyllis will look into applying for a NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program (NJUCF) Grant Reference: [NJUCF Stewardship Grant](#)

## 5. Liaison updates

**Environmental commission** Applying for silver certification from Sustainable Jersey. Marnie documented the work the STC has been doing that will support the application.

**6. Tree walks - Prune and Remove survey.** Members can start with their excel files from last year. Chris and Andrew will look at the inventory to make it more useful and then email it out to STC members.