

CHATHAM BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
December 17, 2019 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., Room 301, upper level, Chatham Borough Hall. The Open Public Meetings Act was read aloud. The Mission Statement of the Shade Tree Commission was read aloud.

Names	Present	Absent
Colleen Truppo, Chrmn.	X	
Kristy Chmura, Vice Chrmn.	X	
Ken Chmura	X	
Fran Drew		X
John Tortorella		X
Patrick Florentino	X	
Beverly Klepper	X	
Dean Wilson	X	
Council Member James Collander		X
Liz Holler, Minutes Secretary		X – at a HPC Meeting

Vice Chrmn. Chmura kindly took the meeting minutes in Ms. Holler's absence.

Public Comment

There was none.

Commissioners discussed a Borough tree concern on Chestnut Street. Chrmn. Truppo will have the residents fill out the Tree Service Request Form. The correct process will be undertaken to deal with this concern.

Motion to Adopt Minutes

The minutes of the November 19, 2019 Shade Tree Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

Discussion Items

It was reported that two donations had been made to the Borough Shade Tree Commission, totaling \$540. These checks will be passed on to Liz Holler, the

Minutes Secretary, to give to the Borough CFO to deposit in the Shade Tree Commission's Trust Fund.

Commissioners discussed the latest update on the Borough tree situation at 11 Fern Avenue.

Commissioners concluded that the STC's tree planting program will be done in the Spring time, due to the weather issues of this past autumn.

Chrmn. Truppo will follow up with the Borough's new CFO to insure that the STC's funds for the Fall 2019 tree plantings will be used for the Spring Tree Planting for 2020.

Chrmn. Truppo will follow up with John Linson to see if he has the capacity to work once again as Chatham Borough's Arborist.

Ms. Chmura will email Lisa Simms about tree nursery recommendations.

It was reported that for CEU tree credits, Rutgers University is offering a course on identifying hazard trees.

It was also reported that NJ Urban Forestry issued an extension of five years for Chatham Borough STC's Community Forestry Management Plan. The Commission will take the extension.

Mr. Chmura asked if Tony Torello, the Shade Tree Enforcement Officer, could attend at least two meetings.

At 8:01 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Chatham Borough Shade Tree Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 7:30 p.m., Room 301. It will be the Shade Tree Commission's Reorganization Meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler  
Minutes Secretary

