

CHATHAM BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION
October 22, 20197:30 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.

Name	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

Public Comment

There was none.

Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 17, 2019 Shade Tree Meeting were approved as amended.

CEU check-ins

Chrmn. Truppo asked if anyone was planning to attend the Annual NJ Shade Tree Federation Meeting on October 24 & 25. A Commissioner's attendance would earn needed CEU credits for the Borough Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Chmura indicated he may be able to attend the October 24th Meeting.

Mr. Florentino asked about credits that can be obtained from webinars. Chrmn. Truppo mentioned that Rutgers University offers courses for Shade Tree Commissions. Mr. Chmura suggested researching the NJ Shade Tree Federation website for possible websites. Summing up, Chrmn. Truppo asked Commissioners to look up any possible webinars for CEUs. These CEUs must be complete by next month. Eight more CEUs are needed for the Borough STC.

Follow-up on the County Engineer's Visit

As discussed with Mr. Vitz at the last meeting, Chrmn. Truppo reported that she has sent a list of the Borough's county trees to John Linson, the Borough Arborist. Mr. Linson will evaluate these ash trees to see if they can be treated.

Tree at 11 Fern Avenue

Chrmn. Truppo noted that the builder went to the Zoning Officer before coming to the Shade Tree Commission, regarding his proposal to remove this Borough tree.

Chrmn. Truppo reported that she had informed the builder that the Shade Tree Commission will have this particular tree evaluated by the Borough Arborist, Mr. Linson. The STC must follow the correct protocol in place for certain tree removals.

After further discussion, Chrmn. Truppo asked Commissioners if the tree at 11 Fern Avenue is determined to be healthy, would all the Commissioners agree to not allow the builder to remove it, based on Mr. Linson's report?

A motion was made, and seconded to preserve the tree at 11 Fern Avenue based on John Linson's report. A voice vote was taken. All Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Lafayette Avenue trees

Mrs. Drew discussed the trees that had been taken down on Lafayette Avenue. Jersey Central Power & Light took them down. These trees were located in Chatham Township.

Mrs. Drew will take her photos of the tree stumps to Chatham Township and talk with them about establishing their own Shade Tree Commission.

Tree Banners

Mrs. Drew brought in pictures of more tree banners. She suggested, with the STC's approval, to see how much it would cost to obtain more banners with different tree sayings. Mrs. Drew suggested approaching the Summit Shade Tree Commission to see if they would like these types of banner. Possibly the price of these banners would be less if they were bought in bulk.

Miscellaneous

Commissioners discussed having the Borough tree ordinance included in the Chatham Borough Calendar for 2020. They felt that the month of April would be a good place to insert this ordinance in the calendar.

Commissioners will try and find out more about the Borough website, and how it could be instrumental for the STC's educational purposes.

Mr. Chmura mentioned that it would be good for private citizens to speak about trees at Borough Council meetings.

Mr. Tortorella asked what Public Works was doing at the end of Tallmadge Avenue.

An update was given on the STC's tree planting program this autumn. The Commission is still waiting for feedback from John Linson, the Borough Arborist.

At 8:23 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Chatham Borough Shade Tree Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Room 301, upper level, Chatham Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Recording Secretary