

Shade Tree Commission Minutes & Recommendations to Council

1/16/18 7:00-8:00pm Community Center

Attended: Christian Lee, Carolyn Broullon, Nancy Messina, Nancy Valinoti

Absent: Chris Francy, Patricia Japngie

Items & Actions

1. **Join Tree City USA** – The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. More than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA. They have achieved Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management:
 1. Maintaining a tree board or department [Our Shade Tree Commission qualifies]
 2. Having a community tree ordinance [Borough Code 22-1 qualifies]
 3. Spending at least \$2 per capita per year on urban forestry, toward the planting, care and removal of city trees and the planning efforts to make those things happen. [We would need approximately \$10,000 in the 2018 budget for this.]
 4. Celebrating Arbor Day [April 27th this year]

By joining, we will get state and national recognition, this will help in securing grants for tree related projects. More information here:

<https://www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/about.cfm>

2. **Tree Maintenance** – Christian continues to work with DPW and the Monmouth Country STC. In the spring, MCSTC will plant new trees on Bay Ave where those that died over winter and those grates that were empty.
3. **Officers** – Christian was voted Chairman and Carolyn Secretary.

Follow-up

Christian – Continue to work with DPW and outside vendors to maintain Boro trees. Also continue discussions with the County STC & explore help they can lend in shared services.

Nancy M – Meet with Littoral Society for input on trees on Slope/around town.

Carolyn – Discus with Council the \$10,000 budget item

For 2/20 Meeting:

Review items above

Address new business