

## Shade Tree Commission Minutes & Recommendations to Council

1/15/19 7:00-7:30pm Community Center

Attended: Christian Lee, Christopher Francy, Carolyn Broullon, Nancy Valinotti

Absent: Nancy Messina, Patricia Japngie

### Items discussed

- **Elect Officers** – Christian was voted Chairman and Carolyn Secretary.
- **Tree City USA** – Christian will review application with Administrator and DPW Superintendent, then submit.
- **DPW involvement in maintenance** – Coordinate with Christian who will submit a DPW Work Order for any task we ask DPW to undertake. It's important that STC members coordinate with Christian so one person is dealing with office staff.
- **Arbor Day & Earth Day** – Earth Day events in town are on 4/20, Arbor Day falls on 4/26 this year. Perhaps combine these celebrations. Chris ordered 10 trees from Arbor Day Foundation as will donate to the town. Will coordinate with Administration & DPW for planting before and when they arrive in the spring.
- **Tree Removal and Protection Ordinance** – Question came up as to how violations are handled. Here is that section of the ordinance. Please note any member of the Commission can file a complaint on behalf of the Borough. Chris will get more info on process of handling complaint and issue of summons with PD and report back. Also, we would like to review the ordinance and see if we should recommend updates.

### 22-1.10 Violations and Penalties.

a. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-5, any person, firm, association or corporation violating any section of this chapter, shall, upon conviction in the Municipal Court having jurisdiction, be subject to a fine not exceeding two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars or imprisonment in the County jail or in any place provided by the municipality for the detention of prisoners, for any term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both, or community service and shall replace each tree destroyed or removed in violation of this section with a tree on accordance to a list provided by the Shade Tree Commission. Each tree destroyed or removed in violation of this section shall be considered a separate offense. b. **Any member of the Shade Tree Commission can file complaints.** (Ord. No. O-08-06 § 22-1.10)

### Actions & Follow-up

Continue to identify problem trees and research grant opportunities.

### For 2/19 Meeting:

Review items above

Address new business