

LITITZ BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

June 8, 2023 – 5:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The scheduled June 8, 2023 Lititz Borough Shade Tree Commission meeting was conducted in person in the Lititz Borough Council Chambers. Shade Tree Commission members present were Jennifer Lee, Seth Hiller, and Dennis Kready. Also present was Jordan Garner. Prior to approving the April 5, 2023 Shade Tree Commission minutes, Lee noted a change to the April 5, 2023 minutes to reflect North Broad Street and not South Broad Street. On a motion by Seth Hiller and a Second by Lee, the April 5, 2023 Shade Tree Commission minutes were approved unanimously.

Fall 2023 Tree Work

J. Garner presented information pertaining to the proposed fall 2023 tree work. The Commission reviewed existing trees and empty tree wells to determine removals and potential replacement species. Hiller discussed the possibility of the banks at 1 and 9 East Main Street contributing to the project. Currently at 1 East Main Street there is a dead red maple, and at 9 East Main Street, the tree well is vacant. The Public Works Department will be removing the existing tree at 1 East Main Street prior to the Fourth of July Celebration. Hiller will be contacting the Branch Managers at each bank to gauge their interest in participating in the fall 2023 project. In addition to the work on East Main Street, the Commission would like to determine locations that have vacant tree wells and plant in conjunction with the Main Street project. J. Lee made the motion to advertise the Main Street tree project and tree well plantings. Hiller seconded to advertise the work. Motion passed unanimously.

Main Street Removals/Plantings

- 1 East Main Street - Remove and replace with Hybrid Elm
- 9 East Main Street – Plant American Hophornbeam
- 47 East Main Street – Remove and replace with Honey locust.
- 59 East Main Street - Inspect tree mid-summer and make final determination.
- 61 East Main Street – Remove and replace with Hybrid Elm
- 74 East Main Street - Remove and replace with American Hornbeam. Second tree will be reevaluated.

Spring/Summer Tree Walk

The Commission scheduled a tree walk for July 6, 2023, at 5:00 PM to evaluate the trees on East Main Street. The Commission will provide a list of existing empty tree wells for planting for the 2023 fall project. After the list is submitted J. Garner will send letters to the affected properties with the existing tree wells.

Shade Tree Permit Tracking

J. Garner reviewed the shade tree permit tracking form with the Commission. Letters will be sent to property owners that have yet to replant a tree after receiving an approved shade tree permit. The letters will be sent in July.

New Business

J. Lee discussed three additional trees on South Broad Street. The Commission would like to see a replanting letter sent to the property owner on South Broad Street that had a tree blown down during a windstorm in the spring of 2023. In addition, J. Garner discussed that he met with the property owners of the Buch Funeral home about the removal and replacement of the dead red maple within the right-of-way. The owners will be removing and replacing the tree. A permit will be submitted for the planting. J. Lee discussed with the Commission about the potential hazard tree at 446 South Broad Street. A large limb was struck by a tractor trailer. The limb has damage and could be a potential hazard due to the location of the tree. The Commission would like a letter to be sent to the homeowner. The Commission discussed working with the property owner for the removal and the replacement.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M on a motion by J. Lee with a second by Kready.