

MINUTES OF THE HANOVER BOROUGH
Shade Tree Commission Meeting
March 7, 2022

Chairman Rohrbaugh convened the meeting of the Hanover Borough Shade Tree Commission at 9:06 AM Monday morning, March 7, 2022 in the Hanover Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, Pennsylvania, as advertised.

Attendance: In attendance were Shade Tree Commission members Jill Rohrbaugh and Jane West; Staff Members Secretary Felix, Public Works Director Grimm and Mayor Whitman. Mr. Weaver entered the meeting at 9:20 AM.

Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Mrs. Rohrbaugh seconded by Mr. West to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None was presented.

Update on Sycamore Trees set for PennDOT removal on Broadway:

Public Works Director Grimm stated that PennDOT determined the trees were considered ineligible as a loss of integrity through the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) Cultural Resource Unit, the Road of Remembrance and the National WWI Memorial Tree Project, according to PennDOT Representative Jeremy Ammerman.

In preparation for the paving project, PennDOT requested permission from the Shade Tree Commission to remove the trees because they are overgrown and encroaching in the street right of way. PennDOT agreed to remove the exposed roots and to repair all curbs and sidewalks and streets, in conjunction with the tree removals, at no cost to the Borough or adjacent property owners.

All property owners were in favor of the removals, except the property owners of 616 Broadway who spoke at last month's Shade Tree Commission meeting.

The Shade Tree Commission and PennDOT agreed 616 Broadway could be exempt from tree removal at this time, however Public Works Director Grimm noted because the tree is leaning toward the street, it will be pruned to accommodate the paving project. The tree may need to be further evaluated in the future.

Chairman Rohrbaugh noted the approximate of cost of removing nine (9) sycamore trees (excluding 616 Broadway) would be \$65,000+ dollars for tree removal, stump removal, and sidewalk and curb repair, which will be totally funded by PennDOT. Chairman Rohrbaugh noted the Shade Tree Commission's annual budget would never be able to accommodate this cost.

Mr. Grimm added there is a possibility that the paving project on Broadway could be delayed until 2023, depending on PennDOT's directive.

Permit Applications received to be checked in field:

- Request from Columbia Gas – 2 tree removals on Moul Avenue near Wilson Avenue for new gas main placement in grassplot area

Mr. Grimm noted that Columbia Gas requested to remove the trees in order to move the gas main from the street into the grassplot area.

Ms. Felix contacted the property owner at 595 Wilson Avenue, and they were not against the removal. The other tree is adjacent the property at 316 Moul Avenue.

After discussion, it was moved by Mrs. West, seconded by Mr. Weaver to recommend that the trees removals be denied, because if the gas main were to be moved to the grassplot area, no other trees could be planted along that section of Moul Avenue in the future.

Annual Arbor Day Celebration: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at Library Courtyard

Ms. Felix summarized the request of the Garden Club to hold the annual celebration:

The Garden Club will provide seedling trees for the children in the library's preschool program, assisted by Children's Librarian Ms. Horner.

State Forester Matthew Kern will be present to give a planting demonstration for the children, with the possibility of having Smokey the Bear present as well.

A proclamation for the event will be prepared by Mayor Whitman.

As in the past, the Garden Club will pay for a tree to be planted, and Public Works will plant the tree. The Shade Tree Commission suggested that a Male Princeton Sentry Ginkgo could be planted at New Hope Ministries at 135 Baltimore Street.

Public Works Director Grimm is working with the Garden Club to renovate the circles at Hollywood Avenue and Keagy Avenue, which are in need of attention.

Mayor Whitman noted the local Kiwanis and Exchange clubs are currently looking for projects, and she offered her help as a liaison for this project or any other areas where they could assist.

Mr. Grimm noted that the DCNR - \$80,000 grant was awarded to the Borough with a 50% cash match. There will be an overview of the recreation areas, including Myers Arboretum to develop a comprehensive open space and recreation plan. Mr. Grimm is working with a local group, Toole Recreation Planning to assist with the grant process and the implementation. A presentation will be given at this month's Council Workshop meeting.

Chairman Rohrbaugh offered the assistance of the Shade Tree Commission in regard to the comprehensive open space recreation plan.

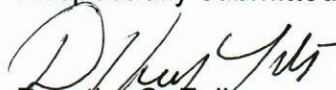
Chairman Rohbaugh thanked all for their attendance today.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Hanover Borough Shade Tree Commission will be held Monday, April 4, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy C. Felix
Borough Secretary