

HANOVER BOROUGH
SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

October 2, 2023

Chairman Rohrbaugh convened the meeting of the Hanover Borough Shade Tree Commission at 9:00AM Monday morning, October 2, 2023 in the Hanover Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, Pennsylvania, as advertised.

Attendance: In attendance were Shade Tree Commission members Rohrbaugh and West; staff member Public Works Director Grimm; and Arborist Mr. Leyes from Bartlett Tree Experts.

Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Mrs. West seconded by Ms. Rohrbaugh to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. Leyes indicated that the field work for the tree inventory at the arboretum was completed. Bartlett will provide the draft report within the next week, and will keep us updated on the installation of the final tree tags. Mr. Leyes is working with Bartlett on the cost of the Arborscape software.

Mr. Leyes asked about our Tree City designation/application. Chairperson Rohrbaugh noted that Secretary Felix normally keeps that updated. Public Works Director Grimm asked for more information on the Tree City USA related tree work grants and to review that information at the next meeting.

There was discussion on the value/usefulness of the software and its ability to interface with ITree or the Borough's asset/public works software. The initial three year period will allow for time to test compatibility, etc.

An application for removal of a spruce tree on private property overhanging the public right of way at 322 Baltimore Street was approved for removal by an insured private contractor.

The following trees were carried over from the previous meeting when the Commission observed their need for removal:

651 Broadway – Approved request for removal of dying tree by Public Works Dept., pending public hearing November 6, 2023.

200 Grant Drive/McCosh Street Side – Approved removal of 3 dying trees by Public Works Dept., pending public hearing November 6, 2023.

977 McCosh Street – Approved removal of dying tree by Public Works Dept., pending public hearing November 6, 2023.

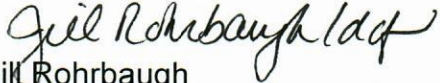
989 McCosh Street – Approved removal of 2 dying trees by Public Works Dept., pending public hearing November 6, 2023.

Mr. Leyes and Mr. Grimm exited the meeting.

Commission members Rohrbaugh and West left the meeting and viewed the trees at 207 West Avenue, where the sidewalk is being reconstructed by a private contractor to accommodate 3 very large trees in the public right of way.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,


Jill Rohrbaugh
Chairperson