

**City of Lambertville**  
**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

**Minutes of February 22nd, 2021 Meeting**

Attending the meeting via Zoom were members Brian Herzhauser, Helen Pettit, Susan Wydick, Rich Mowry, and Tom Ogren. Members Art Legere and Jessica Palilonis were absent. Chair Brian Herzhauser convened the meeting at 7:35 pm. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Helen made a motion, seconded by Sue, to approve the minutes of the January 25th, 2021 meeting. All voted in favor.*

**New Business:**

1. 46 York Street - Tree Action Request: Property owner Michelle Harris, who attended the meeting, requested approval to plant a new tree in an existing tree pit in front of her property. Planting would be preceded by removal of a stump in the tree pit. Ms Harris indicated that she would be planting a "tall tree" from the STC recommended tree list since there were no overhead wires. She added that the tree will be planted this spring. *Helen made a motion, seconded by Tom, that the request be approved. All voted in favor with Rich abstaining.*
  
2. 65 Wilson Street - Referral from Planning Board: This new townhouse development received site plan approval from the City Planning Board. As a condition of approval, the developer was to consult with the STC on street trees shown on the landscape plan. A copy of the plan, which was emailed to STC members prior to the meeting, proposed the planting of ten non-native species in a two foot strip between the curb and the sidewalk. STC members decided to discuss specie selection and other related matters at its next meeting. A letter will be sent to the project engineer informing him that the STC intends to provide street tree recommendations.

**Old Business:**

126 Union Street - Tree Removal: In response to Helen's question, Brian indicated that the homeowner had not responded to the letter from the STC repeating its request for removal of the dead ash tree on Union Street. It was agreed that Brian should follow-up with the City Clerk for the City to take further action.

**Public/Commission Member Comments:**

1. Helen asked for an update on removal of dead branches from the two large Red oak trees on City property in front of the Kalmia Club and in Sheridan Park by the cannon. Brian reported that a Purchase Order has been issued for this work.

2. Sue asked about the status of promised street tree planting in front of St. Johns church on Bridge Street to replace large diseased Pin oaks which were removed over two years ago. Brian said he would contact the priest for an update.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Tom Ogren  
Secretary