

City of Lambertville
SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of August 23, 2021 Meeting

Attending the meeting were members Brian Herzhauser, Helen Pettit, Rich Mowry, and Tom Ogren. Members Art Legere, Jessica Palilonis and Susan Wydick were absent. Chair Brian Herzhauser convened the meeting at 7:39 pm. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Approval of Minutes:

Brian made a motion, seconded by Rich, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2021 meeting. All voted in favor except Tom who abstained.

New Business:

1. 16 Church Street - Tree Action Request: New property owner Brian Isserman of Issco Limited, LLC, who attended the meeting, requested approval to plant a new tree in an existing tree pit in the sidewalk in front of the property. He indicated that his first choice tree was a Sweetgum with a Swamp white oak as a second choice. Board members congratulated Mr. for deciding to plant a new tree on Church Street since it would complement the planting of trees on that block by the City last year. *Brian made a motion, seconded by Tom, that the request be approved. All voted in favor.*

2. 166 N. Union Street - Tree Action Request: Property owner Coryell Properties, represented by Lori Stankunas, requested approval to trim a Red maple and a Sycamore in front of the property. The branches were growing over the roof of the building. *Brian made a motion, seconded by Helen, that the request be approved. All voted in favor.*

3. 34 Delaware Street - Tree Action Request: Homeowner William Shurts requested approval to trim a cherry tree in front of his house. Branches of the tree had grown over the front porch. *Brian made a motion, seconded by Tom, that the request be approved. All voted in favor except Rich who abstained.*

Old Business:

Big Tree Hunt: There was a brief discussion about scheduling this event with Lambertville Public School children this fall based on guidelines previously approved by the Commission. It was agreed that the timing of the event and participation of certain grade levels would be left up to school staff and teachers. *Helen made a motion, seconded by Rich, that Tom contact the school to make arrangement for the event. All voted in favor.*

Announcements:

Brian asked for suggestions for an article for the Lambertville Matters newsletter. It was suggested that property owners be encouraged to plant trees.

Public/Commissioner Comments:

Tom reported that he had submitted a request to the State Forest Service for a Salem oak seedling (grown from an acorn of the historic White oak in Salem, NJ). He indicated that seedlings were originally planned to be given to all municipalities last year but those plans were cancelled due to Covid-19. Seedlings are now available upon request.

Tom reported that he had pruned low branches on the Church Street trees planted by the City last year. He anticipated a second pruning early next year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Tom Ogren
Recording Secretary