

HANOVER BOROUGH
SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

April 3, 2023

Chairman Rohrbaugh convened the meeting of the Hanover Borough Shade Tree Commission at 9:00 AM Monday morning, April 3, 2023 in the Hanover Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, Pennsylvania, as advertised.

Attendance: In attendance were Shade Tree Commission members Rohrbaugh, Weaver and West; Staff Members Secretary Felix and Public Works Director Grimm.

Chairman Rohrbaugh welcomed Mr. Matt Leyes from Bartlett Tree Experts to the meeting, who will be our Certified Arborist Representative, replacing Michael Taylor. Secretary Felix will add Mr. Leyes to the Shade Tree Commission meeting email distribution list.

Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Mrs. West seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes of March 6, 2023. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None was presented.

Permit Applications:

201 South Forney Avenue: The property owner requested removal of the tree, due to sidewalk and sewer issues. It was recommended that the Sewer I & I Department televise the sewer lateral since it is in close proximity to the tree. The tree appears to be in good health at this time. Mr. Grimm noted that sidewalk replacement work could be accomplished without removal of the tree by increasing the grassplot dimension around the tree area while still remaining ADA compliant.

Annual Arbor Day Celebration: Chairman Rohrbaugh reminded all that the Annual Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 10:15 AM in the Children's Room at the Guthrie Memorial Library. State Forester Matt Kern will be in attendance to present the recertification for the Tree USA program, and Mayor Whitman will read a proclamation for the event. The celebration will be hosted by the Hanover Garden Club with participation and recognition of Hanover Volkswagen and Met-Ed for their contributions to the event.

Public Works Director Grimm was in contact with Stacy Gautsch regarding proposed additional tree plantings.

Public Works Director Grimm noted that Ms. Orsi Lazar was newly designated as the Tree Vitalize Chesapeake Bay Community Tree Specialist from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). She will be in contact regarding various grants, etc. relating to the Arboretum and the Watershed at the dams, reparation of buffer areas, etc. which could all be eligible for tree plantings through grants. She can suggest planting areas other than public greenways and provide information to property owners for planting trees on private property for the purpose of increasing the tree canopy. She is in the fact-finding stage in relation to forthcoming grants from the Federal Government and will be in communication with Borough officials regarding future grant opportunities.

Mr. Leyes will be able to assist with pre-qualification for the grant process.

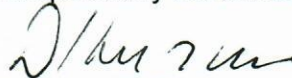
Public Works Director Grimm noted that the new auger works well for smaller stump removals, but for removal of larger stumps, rental of a stump grinder may be required.

Chairman Rohrbaugh thanked all for their attendance.

Secretary Felix noted that she will not be in attendance at the May 1, 2023 meeting due to a planned vacation.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy C. Felix
Borough Secretary