

Proposed Shade Tree Commission Guidelines for Adoption by Lemoyne Borough Council*

1. Shade/Street trees are defined as those trees that are planted between the street and any sidewalk - and where a sidewalk is not present, within the sidewalk area - along the streets and highways of the Borough.
2. Shade/Street tree removal and replacement are the financial responsibility of the property owner. Borough Council may at any time provide partial or full assistance as part of a Shade Tree Enhancement Project.
3. No net loss of shade/street trees:
 - a. A shade/street tree that is removed must be replaced at property owner's expense, and
 - b. STC will have the authority to grant exceptions based on circumstances.
4. Any new shade/street tree planting must meet the conditions and species requirements of the Lemoyne Borough Appropriate Tree List.
5. All tree plantings and removal within STC jurisdiction must be approved through submission of the Lemoyne Borough Shade Tree Commission Application for Tree Planting or Removal.
6. Any shade/street tree planting or removal done without STC approval is subject to an official warning to the property owner from

the Borough. Repeated violations are subject to established fines and other penalties per Borough ordinances.

7. Shade/street trees that are damaged by a person or their equipment, must be repaired or replaced by the party causing the damage.

8. Pruning of all shade/street trees is recommended in accordance with agricultural community standards. (See Shade Tree Commission page on Borough website for resource materials, which includes guidelines provided by Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences Extension Program.)

9. Trimming of shade/street trees, for the following specific circumstances, is the financial responsibility of the Borough:

- a. Interference with streetlights, street signs, views at intersections, or
- b. Higher clearance needed for cartway traffic and Borough maintenance equipment (e.g., snowplows, street cleaning).

*As discussed at Council/STC workshop June 22, 2022

Council Vision for Shade Trees*

Healthy tree coverage across all areas of the Borough.

An effective and easily administered program without added bureaucracy.

Clear rules – effectively communicated and consistently applied.

Close and transparent teamwork among Council oversight, staff management and operations and Shade Tree Commission expertise.

A Master Plan designed to achieve this vision

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