

Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 1, 2023 1:00 P.M.

Hybrid – In-Person and Zoom

The Lemoyne Borough Shade Tree Commission meeting of June 1, 2023 was called to order at 1:00 P.M.

Present in-person were Commission Chair John Leverentz and Commission Members Ed Dix and Marsha Everton.

Lemoyne Borough Maintenance Superintendent Tim Davis and Lemoyne Borough MS4 Coordinator Kasha Griva participated by Zoom.

No member of the public was present.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dix made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 meeting. Mr. Leverentz seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

New Business

1. Mr. Leverentz introduced the topic of the Application for Tree Removal submitted by Brett Gemmill for a tree located in the area of 964 Bosler Avenue.
 - The Commission discussed the substantial documentation provided regarding the sewer damage being caused by the tree.
 - Ms. Everton made a motion to approve the removal of the tree, at property owner expense, without requiring a replacement tree, due to the limited space available and the placement of utility lines. Mr. Dix seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Application. Mr. Davis agreed to follow up with the property owner.
2. Mr. Davis introduced the topic of additional dead trees in the Borough that need to be removed.
 - The Commission discussed the financial responsibility for removal and agreed to reconfirm guidelines with Lemoyne Borough Council.

3. Mr. Leverentz introduced the topic of potential locations for new tree plantings, to be funded through the STC budget.
 - The Commission discussed a range of options and agreed to proceed with planting in the Market Street area near the Farmer's Market.
 - The Commission also agreed to coordinate with Lemoyne Borough Storm Water Management staff to potentially purchase trees at the same time with the objective of obtaining a volume discount and sharing tree transportation costs.
 - Due to current weather conditions, planting will be done in the fall season.
 - The Commission agreed to review the types of trees to be planted at the July 6 STC meeting.
4. Mr. Leverentz introduced the topic of a potential informal visual assessment of the street trees in the Borough with Ben Johnson of Bartlett Tree Service.
 - The Commission discussed the option and the current assessment being done by the Lemoyne Borough Maintenance Department.
 - The Commission agreed not to proceed with a third-party review at this time.
5. Mr. Leverentz introduced the topic of the STC Master Plan.
 - The Commission agreed to request the opportunity to present the plan to the Lemoyne Borough Council at the August 3 Council Meeting.

Adjournment

Following a motion by Mr. Dix and seconded by Mr. Leverentz, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:28 P.M.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

July 6, 2023, 1:00 P.M. at Lemoyne Borough Office Building with video conference participation option.

Agenda to include:

- STC Master Plan.
- Review of types of new trees to plant using the STC's budget.
- Options for development of enhanced Lemoyne Borough Memorial Tree Plantings program (pending completion of Lemoyne Borough master plan for borough parks).