

Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 1, 2021 6:00 P.M.

In-Person at Lemoyne Borough Offices

The Lemoyne Borough Shade Tree Commission was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were Commission Chair John Leverentz and Commission Members Ed Dix and Marsha Everton. Also present was Maintenance Superintendent Cliff Karlsen.

Public Comment

Gene Koontz of 813 Michigan Avenue reported that several trees on Borough property on Cumberland Road were topped by someone without permission from the Borough.

Ms. Everton confirmed that Michael Serluco (400 Cumberland Avenue) directed the cutting of the trees and used a rented articulated boom. Ms. Everton observed that the cutting left an unattractive view of shorn tree limbs from the street and offered to provide photos to include in the meeting minutes.

The Commission noted that these trees are not subject to the authority of the Shade Tree Commission and that the matter should be referred to the Borough.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dix made a motion to approve minutes of the June 3, 2021 meeting, Ms. Everton seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

New Business

1. Application for Tree Removal at 521 Bosler Avenue
 - The Commission reviewed the application to remove the tree in the tree lawn at 521 Bosler Avenue.
 - Mr. Karlsen confirmed that electrical lines run through the tree and also confirmed that, if approved, the removal would be done by the Borough.
 - Mr. Leverentz made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Dix seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application.
 - The Commission also decided to ask the Borough Council for guidance on whether to require tree replacements on similar applications in the future. The Commission welcomes guidance on the Borough's general philosophy on preserving or increasing the number of trees in the

Borough. Mr. Leverentz will ask to have this topic included on a future Borough Council agenda.

2. Letter from Georgia Reisinger of 400 Summit Road
 - Mr. Leverentz introduced the topic of a letter addressed to the Shade Tree Commission from Georgia Reisinger regarding two trees that were removed in Woodside Park.
 - Mr. Karlsen confirmed that both trees were removed by the Borough due to the poor health of the trees.
 - The Commission expressed support for the Borough's work in removing unhealthy and dead trees, including these two specific trees.
 - The Commission and Mr. Karlsen agreed that Mr. Karlsen will respond to the resident and confirm to her that the matter was reviewed by the Shade Tree Commission.
3. Revisions to Borough Shade Tree Commission Application
 - The Committee reviewed the proposed revisions and recommended the following additional changes to the proposed application:
 - Remove the transplant and trim request options.
 - Add a section for the reasons for removal of a tree.
 - Add a request for the applicant's email address.
 - Ms. Everton agreed to draft an update to the proposed form with these refinements for Commission review.
4. Revisions to the Lemoyne Borough Acceptable Tree List
 - The Committee agreed to review proposed revisions at a future meeting.
 - Mr. Leverentz and Mr. Dix agreed to work on an updated list for review.

For Discussion at Next Commission Meeting

Review revised Tree Application and revised Acceptable Tree List.

Adjournment

Following a motion by Ms. Everton and seconded by Mr. Dix, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

September 2, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Topped Trees on Cumberland Avenue

