

MIDDLESEX SHADE TREE COMMISSION
REMOTE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
7:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
1200 MOUNTAIN AVENUE
MIDDLESEX, NJ

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bond with the following statement:

“This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law in that the requirements of the Law have been met by the Annual Meeting Notice being forwarded to the Courier News and posted in the Municipal Building of the Borough and on the Borough Website on December 8, 2020, amended May 28, 2021 and filed in accordance with the law.”

2. Roll Call:

Jason Bond, Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Gitler	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Gorman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Killian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin Quinn, Council Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Meeting opened to the public – public recognized – public portion of meeting closed.
4. Acceptance of the June 10, 2021 Shade Tree Meeting Minutes
5. Acceptance of the Finance Report for June, July & August, 2021
6. Communications:

6/29 201 Lincoln Boulevard (Pumping Services) – It was reported that there is hole in the tree on the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and C Street and needs to be assessed.

6/29 322 Melrose Avenue – Resident reported that here are 2 trees that are between the sidewalk and curb that look like they are diseased. They have many dead branches, and a large branch fell on the front lawn. Resident feels that this poses a hazard.

7/7 112 Stephenson Ave. – Resident requested Shade Tree Commission look at the large oak tree close to the driveway that is dropping branches.

7/7 524 Melrose Ave. – Resident feels that the tree is half dead and needs to be removed.

7/6 146 Coleman Avenue – Resident concerned that ants are eating her tree in front of her property.

7/12 87 Conover Street – Two trees in front of property are losing branches and DPW requested that Shade Tree look at the trees.

7/19 417 Chestnut Street – DPW reported that the tree at this location appears to be dead.

7/19 303 Fairview Avenue (Delaware Ave. side) tree is infested and there is a whole on the bottom of the tree.

7/21 425 Giles Ave. – Recommendation of Chairman Bond is to reduce crown approximately 10-15' to minimize the potential of future storm damage, Also prune out the dead branches 2" in diameter and larger.

7/21 424 Giles Ave. – Recommendation of Chairman Bond is to remove tree and replace with Zelkova (place on the right side of the front walkway).

7/21 206 Chestnut Street – Recommendation of Chairman Bond is to remove and replace with a 2 fastigiated white oaks.

7/26 501 Decatur Avenue – Resident reported that although this tree had a pruning done in late winter, there are many dead branches, which need to be addressed.

7/26 126 Fifth Street – Resident requested that the Shade Tree Commissioners assess the trees on green acres that are located on the side of her property to determine if they are dead or diseased.

7/27 101 Grandview Avenue – Resident concerned about rotted tree trunk and would like commission to evaluate. (See 7/27/21 email from secretary).

7/29 300 Grant Avenue – Resident requested that Shade Tree Commissioners look at the tree on the Elmwood Ave. side of the property.

7/29 124 Prospect Place – Resident reported that there is a dead tree in front of this property.

8/3 121 Chestnut Street – Resident has requested that the shade tree be pruned as it hang low over the sidewalk and is into the power lines.

8/4 706 Cook Avenue – Resident reported that there was a dead tree on the side of her property located on borough property.

8/5 Between 116 Valley Brook Court and 125 Valley Brook Court – Councilman Quinn reported that Shade Tree Commissioners should look at tree in Middlesex (End of First Street Dunellen).

8/16 280 Lincoln Boulevard – Resident requested that the tree leaning on building have the branch removed or pruned.

8/16 339 Lorraine Avenue – the Silver Oak has foaming fungus growing on the tree. Would like to have it assessed as concern it will fall on her house.

8/16 5 Shearn Drive – Hole forming on the tree and resident feels it is decaying.

8/24 314 Second Street – Resident wants to have the 4 sycamores in front of her property assessed as she feels that they need to be trimmed.

8/27 30 C Street - The resident said that a large branch fell down and one was hanging over the road. (Jason)

9/1 315 First Street – Resident has requested that tree be removed as he wants to pave his driveway.

7. Work Agenda

8. Unfinished Business

1. Spotted Lanternfly Training – DPW – Mr. Bond's Update
2. CSIP Grant Update – Mr. Gitler
3. RFP for Tree Inventory – Mr. Bond

9. New Business

1. 96th Annual Shade Tree Federation Conference – Crown Plaza, Cherry Hill (October 21 & 22)
2. Tree Management Plan Renewal
3. 106 Cap Lane – Solar Panel Discussion & Hazard Tree Evaluation (attachment)
4. Meeting Calendar for 2021 – Remote or in person?? Dates adjustment (Current Meetings October 14, November 11th and December 9) Conflict with BOH and holiday – possibly changing October Meeting until October 21, November Meeting (holiday) until November 18th and keeping December 9 Meeting as is.
5. JLUB 2021-005 Reagent Chemical (5 Factory Lane, Block 350, Lot 1) (Emailed 8/30)

10. Adjournment