

**Shade Tree Commission
Minutes**

Thursday, August 13, 2020, 1 pm
Picnic Pavilion/Village Hall

Next Meetings: Thursday, October 1, 1 p.m.
 Thursday, December 3, 1 p.m.

Attendees: Sheri, Beth, Jim, Paul, Hank, Marcia

Old Business:

1. Tree Canopy Project update
 - a. Paul shared a visual aid of trees removed from 2004 through 2007.
 - b. Young trees: We currently have 238 devil strip trees but had removed 8 prior to that. So 246 young trees planted since 2007 only 8 had to be removed. That is a 97% success rate.
 - c. There was no young tree forest in 2007. Since 2007 young tree forest canopy is now ½ acre.
 - d. Mature tree forest canopy coverage is declining – we now have 13 acres, compared to 20 acres in 2003.
 - e. The young tree forest shade of ½ acre is less than the shade loss of mature trees, so we are down 6 ½ acres.
 - f. Tree counts: In 2020, we have 94% of number of trees we had in 2003.
 - a. Mature tree forest in 2003 # of trees is 834
 - b. Young tree forest in 2020 # of trees is 237
 - c. Mature tree forest in 2020 # of trees is 547
 - g. Canopy: 2020 is 67% shade/canopy coverage of what we had in 2004.
 - h. Current young tree diameters (since 2007): 1" 10% of the trees, 2" 26% of the trees, 3" 16% trees, 4" 11%, 5" 11%, 6" 6% of trees, 7" 6% of trees, 8" 6% of trees, 9" 1%, 10" 2% of trees, 11" 1% of trees, 12" 2% of trees.
By the time the 1" becomes a 12", we'll have a lot more shade.

2. Memorial & Arbor Day record book
 - a. No update from Marcia.
 - b. Memorial trees: people call Village Hall, who gives them Paul's number. This should be on the web page. "If you'd like to plant a tree in honor of a loved one, contact Village Hall." Beth to ask Kim.

3. Service Department – No update.
 - a. Air knifing list of trees-
 - b. Updates
 - c. Mulch bed weeding

4. Education
 - a. New resident package – Tree handout has been added to this.
 - b. Web page article – "How Cool our Trees Keep Us" added. Kim will also have it added to the Facebook page.

- c. Walkabouts in 2020 – A good option for families due to Covid home online teaching. This could be added to web page. Have families call Village Hall. Marcia to write up.
- d. News Releases – No update.
Falls News/Stow Sentry - Polly

5. Planning & Zoning Commission Ordinance Report

- a. Marcia wrote letter regarding trees that have to be removed due to construction, etc. zoning and sent to Jerry Jones. It was discussed last week and she was told “Riparian ordinance is in flux. Marcia should talk to Polly or another trustee.” Marcia to follow up with Polly.
- b. Update on the new ordinance: – A resident took down a 30” DBH tree. They were told to replace it with an equal amount of DBH trees. It’s not feasible to have them replace it with 5 6” trees, or an equal amount of trees/DBH, which is what the ordinance suggests. The new ordinance hasn’t been passed yet. Also need to consider the root zone of affected trees.

c. All members of STC to email their council person and Jerry Jones. As volunteers, we want them to know the riparian ordinance needs replaced with our wording. When there is an issue with a tree, a zoning member calls one of us to go over and give them tips (such as a suitable replacement and where to plant it.)

d. What the STC would recommend to replace a 30” tree: one large shade tree with a diameter of ?. People need to understand what they are doing when they take down large shade trees. If a large tree needs removed, someone should talk to the resident about the impact and replacement.

6. Silver Lake Village Estates planting trees along Rt.59.

- a. Ben will provide the trees that are propagating in his tree garden.

New Business

1. 2020 Tree Village Inventory

- a. Hank and Sheri to do. Documentation guidelines to be followed.
- b. Drop off mulching pamphlet to each inventory site. Congratulate ones who do it right. Consider a checklist. Weedfree, grassfree, no bark damage, etc. Sheri to draft checklist. If grass is 3”, mulch should be lower than grass at 2”.
- c. Sheri contact Ben for a tree printout.

2. STC give a card if they do maintenance. Also send letter.

3. Park Board

- a. Beth attended and provided an update.
- b. A Mulch Challenge: Have a de-mulch and de-weed day. “Adopt a block/tree”. Have an in-service.
- c. Can we post on web site the new trees that are planted?
- d. Paul to send young tree planting info and all trees planted since 2007 to Beth. Info the chart will provide: address, tree, year planted. Put on our end of year report, for the web page.