

Summary of the Minutes

October 21, 2013 Meeting

City of Binghamton Shade Tree Commission

PHCD Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall

Commissioners Present: Dick Andrus, Julian Shepherd, Bev Rainforth (scribe), Joshua De Marree, Melissa Enoch (staff liaison)

Commissioners Absent: Alexandra Spencer (excused), Lou Sebesta, Carolyn Wilczynski

Guests: Bill Barber (Parks Dept), Lee Einsweiler (Code Studio, Austin, TX), Bob Pass (NYSEG), Artem Treyger (NYSEG)

Minutes for September 16, 2013: Will be corrected and approved via email

Next Meeting: November 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM City Hall Planning Dept Conference Room

1. Form-Based Code

Lee Einsweiler is working with the City through Blueprint Binghamton, the City's comprehensive plan project, to develop a form-based code for the Main & Court Street Corridor, which will include standards for shade trees (e.g., recommended species, structural soil, etc.). Around January, sections of draft standards related to trees will be sent to STC for review. The Shade Tree Commission is invited to attend the upcoming final presentation on form-based code which will be held at the Binghamton High School this Thursday night (10/24) from 6:00PM-8:00PM.

2. NYSEG

Bob Pass reported that NYSEG wants to contribute \$10,000 to the City's tree fund, to replace the 30 trees that were removed during NYSEG pruning this year and to provide additional street trees in the future. NYSEG also offered the assistance of their arborist, Artem Treyger, who will work with Parks Dept and STC to determine the kinds of trees that will be appropriate size for the locations where trees were removed and provide planting assistance.

3. Citizen Pruner program

Melissa communicated with Cooperative Extension about moving this program back to the City for the short term, and CCE seemed to accept that. Melissa still hopes to have Andy Hillman from Davey Resource Group come to Binghamton to lead a citizen pruner training.

4. Site Plans

No new proposals.