

**Borough of Downingtown**  
**Shade Tree Commission Meeting**  
**Minutes**

October 8, 2019

Attendance: Commissioners - Richard Webb, Adrian Martinez, Joseph Ferris

**Public Comment -**

Matt Gisondi (Restore our Roots) mentioned that the commission should take a look at Anson B Nixon Park in Kennett Square for ideas to implement into borough parks.

Tara Muenz (ROR) recommended that the commission organize public outreach/education for the community. Examples could be pruning, watershed protection, tree education, etc.

Zach Hawk (ROR) mentioned that future plantings should complement the space.

**Announcement from Adrian Martinez -**

Adrian will be stepping down from the Shade Tree Commission due to personal reasons. He stated that he may return in the future.

**Discussion -**

The STC will need to find and recommend a replacement commissioner to Borough Council.

ST commissioners will coordinate a visit/visits to one or more local wholesale nurseries.

The commission will come up with ideas for future plantings.

The commission will work on and update the STC borough ordinance.

The commission will look into aid/ideas from Tree Vitalize and Philly Tree Tenders.

Commission members will attend other Shade Tree Commission meetings in the area for ideas.