



BOROUGH OF HATBORO

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AGENDA

*Shade Tree Commission
Wednesday, July 17, 2025*

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)**
4. **Welcome and Announcements**
5. **Secretary's Report**
6. **Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2025, June 18, 2025**
Motion: Motion to approve the April 16, 2025 Shade Tree Commission Minutes
Motion: Motion to approve the June 18, 2025 Shade Tree Commission Minutes
7. **Old Business:**
8. **Heritage Tree Ordinance**
Motion: Motion to approve the draft Heritage Tree Ordinance (HTO) for the Borough of Hatboro and recommend Borough Council approve the Ordinance with the following updates:
 - a. Hatboro Heritage Tree definition: dbh of 30 inches, age of 75 years or more, plus an option to preserve a tree that is large for its species, rarity or otherwise important.
 - b. An option for Groups of trees would also be considered for preservation under the above parameters.
 - c. An option for Specific tree (or group of trees) review, and case by case determination by the Shade Tree Commission for inclusion or exclusion – including whether a designation of “Heritage Tree” enacts a “hardship” on property owner.
 - d. Areas to be under the HTO include all shade trees within a Borough designated.
 - e. Right-of-Way, all trees within public parks and community areas.
 - f. HTO will be administered through the STC under the guidance of Hatboro Borough.
 - g. Inclusion of an adoption of a Heritage Tree Nomination form for residents with approval of designation by Shade Tree Commission.
9. **Shade Tree Educational Flyer**
Motion: Motion to send STC flyer to Borough Manager for inclusion in materials sent (emailed or USPS) to York Road Businesses, and posted on Hatboro Borough Website, Myhatboro.org and other social media platforms.

10. Shade Tree Educational Presentation

Motion: Motion to create and present Shade Tree PowerPoint presentation to Borough Council and residents, Business owners for Sept Borough Council meeting.

11. Shade Tree Ordinance Amendment (Acceptable Species)

Motion: Motion to recommend that Borough Council enact an amendment to the Shade Tree Ordinance adding a new species to list of acceptable shade trees.

12. Public Comment

13. Next meeting date: Wednesday, August 20th 2025 at 7PM

14. Adjournment