

## SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 11, 2021

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**Members:** Barr, Chairman; Zimmerman, Vice Chairman; Dudley, Member; Martin, Alternate; Thompson, Staff

**Attendees:** Barr, Chairman; Zimmerman, Vice Chairman; Dudley, Member; Martin, Alternate, Rowe, McManus, Guests (4)

The Special Projects Committee met on September 20, 2021 and discussed the following:

**Action Items:**

None

**Discussion Items:**

1. The Committee discussed with the Borough Solicitor the legal authority given to the Shade Tree Commission in the care, custody and control of shade trees within the street rights-of-way in the Borough. The option to have the Commission serve as an advisory agency to Council instead of an enforcement entity was discussed whereby the enforcement and administration of shade tree regulations would be the primary responsibility of Borough Council through its Codes Enforcement Office with input from and recommendations of the Commission. Former Shade Tree Commission Chairperson, Chandra Mast, provided comments regarding the Commission's desire to implement a process to effectively protect shade trees. Justin Snyder informed the Committee that the Commission has an inventory of shade trees and their locations within the Borough. The Committee requested that Chapter 297 be revised to reflect the Commission's role as an advisory body. A revised draft will be prepared by Staff and Counsel and presented to the Committee at a future session.

**Old Business Items:**

None