

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
ORDINANCE NO. 22-2050**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX
COUNTY AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
HIGHLAND PARK” BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE XXIV RECONSTITUTING
THE SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee has been reconstituted annually by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park wishes to include the Shade Tree Advisory Committee as a part of the Borough of Highland Park Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, Middlesex County as follows:

1. The “Code of the Borough of Highland Park” is amended by adding to Chapter 9 the following new Article XXIV so as to reconstitute as a part of said Code the Shade Tree Advisory Committee and shall read as follows:

**ARTICLE XXIV
SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Section 9-103. Creation.

The Mayor and Council hereby create the Shade Tree Advisory Committee (“STAC”).

Section 9-104. Appointment.

STAC shall consist of fifteen (15) members who are residents of the Borough of Highland Park. All members, including the designation of a chairperson, shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council.

Section 9-105. Powers and Duties.

The STAC shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. Advise the Department of Public Works on the care and planting of shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery now located or which may hereafter be planted on any street, highway and public place either owned or maintained by the Borough, except those areas zoned Central Business District, Commercial District and Professional Office District;
- B. Advise the Department of Public Works on the use of ground surrounding said trees and shrubbery, as may be necessary for their proper growth, care and protection now located or which may hereafter be planted on any street, highway and public place

- either owned or maintained by the Borough, except those areas zoned Central Business District, Commercial District and Professional Office District;
- C. Advise the Department of Public Works on the removal of any trees and shrubbery, or part thereof, and advise on subsequent replantings as appropriate for trees and shrubbery now located or which may hereafter be planted on any street, highway and public place either owned or maintained by the Borough, except those areas zoned Central Business District, Commercial District and Professional Office District;
 - D. Advise Borough officials on the passage, alteration, amendment and repeal of ordinances necessary for carrying out the provisions hereof;
 - E. Encourage arboriculture and horticulture;
 - F. Maintain the tree inventory; and
 - G. Develop and maintain a comprehensive master plan for planting and maintenance; and
 - H. Develop and maintain Highland Park's Native Plant Reserve located on Borough property near River Road, with sole authority for the care, planting and removal, of any plant, shrub or tree within the boundaries of the Native Plant Reserve.
2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided for by law.

Introduced and Passed on First Reading by Title: April 5, 2022

ADOPTED: _____, 2022

ATTEST:

APPROVED: _____, 2022

Jennifer Santiago
Borough Clerk

Gayle Brill Mittler
Mayor