

Long Hill Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2014

Attendees: Melanie Palmer Burdorf, Anthony Connor, Don Farnell, Susan Jeans, Ann Marie McGowan (recorder), Guy Piserchia, Paul Tamburri

Absentees: Greg Aroneo, Phyllis Fast, Peter O'Neill, David Welch

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Don moved to accept minutes from the February 24, 2014, Melanie seconded. All in favor of accepting minutes as written. Ann Marie to email minutes to Andrea Tsimboukis and Cathy Reese.

Melanie and Paul signed Oath of Office forms .

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** No report.
- 2. Challenge Grant Program for 2014**—Don sent program announcement to *Echo Sentinel* and it was published on front page. Received several calls. Have to work out with Walter where trees are going to be.

Before too long need to visit the nurseries—Barton's and another here to find out trees and cost. James Wolf wants Red Maple. Might exceed 20 trees. Minimum 10 locations with 2 trees okay with DPW, but might be more locations.

- 3. Shade Tree Ordinance** — Need David here. Joe Dunn said really need to pursue ordinance to be Tree City. Must have viable Shade Tree Ordinance which have, but it is old. Township Committee did not want to tell people what to do on private property. Need to revisit it and David is the person to do so. Should give it a couple months. Revisit at the May meeting.

Grant(s) needed to do other projects and need Tree City. Shade Tree Ordinance required to be Tree City.

- 4. 1013 Valley Road (Burger King)** — No word. Burger King put on an addition and agreed to do planting near right of way. Don will email Tom Delia and copy Guy.
- 5. Ann Marie McGowan welcomed.**
- 6. Arbor Day Observance**—Melanie presented an Arbor Day Proclamation for Arbor Day, April 25th. Lisa wants to plant a tree near the sign at Kantor Field. Check with Barton's for an appropriate tree.

Township Committee is reluctant with moving the head stones near Kantor Memorial. An idea might be to move stones near historic school house.

Who will pay for tree—Recreation? Kantor family will pay for bench. Township Committee will pay for tree if Recreation does not. Pick a bigger tree, a little more statement tree and find someone to plant it for free.

Go ahead with Proclamation. Melanie will email it to Cathy Reese municipalclerk@longhillnj.us and copy Guy.

- 7. Forestry Report Status**—Next month's meeting (April 21st) is important with David and Joe Dunn presenting the Forestry Report status.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Chad DeBolt at 190 Preston Drive**—Previous owner built tennis court and planted Evergreen screening (broad term) between properties around tennis court. Screening has deteriorated. New owner thinks he is obligated to replace and wants Shade Tree Commission to provide information on what to plant. Advice can be given but not under Commission.

Dawn Wolfe can find out if owner is obligated to replace tree screening. Guy will check with Dawn.

2. **Hazard trees, Planting, Pruning and other Courses available this spring**—This is core training. No new report.
3. **Grants**—Cannot do now.
4. **Tree City USA**—Working on this.
5. **Environmental Day**—Millington School—April 29, 2014. Melanie and Susan have ideas. Anthony will help with event. He can get a slice of large tree with rings for the presentation.

Melanie has idea for suggestion a memory game and a poem about birds in a tree.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Arbor Day planning—Don will look into getting a tree in memory of person on Arbor Day, April 25, 2014. It is significant having an observance on Arbor Day. Guy will check with Cathy and Lisa. Key elements: pay for tree, how to run event—it's not a Commission event, but a participation.

Susan motioned to adjourn and Don seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting **April 21, 2014, 7:00 PM** at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Marie McGowan, Recorder