

Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2015

Attendees: Melanie Palmer Burdorf, Don Farnell, Phyllis Fast, Susan Jeans, Peter O'Neil, Paul Tamburri, and Mary DeLello (recorder).

Absent: Guy Piscerchi and Guy Roshto.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Susan Jeans.

Approval of September 21, 2015 minutes: Don moved to accept the minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting and Peter seconded. All in favor of accepting minutes as written.

Commission Business

1. Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$9787.14. Susan will pursue funding with the Township. The STC does not have money coming in to the trust from builders for trees removed.
2. Forestry Report Update: Township will be talking about Forestry Report at the October 28, 2015 meeting and report needs to pass before State will accept. Len Ho is trying to intervene to see if the STC can get grant money to pay Joe Dunn. Hazard trees need to be first on the list of programs to be done.
3. Back-to-Nature Holiday Tree Giveaway Program: Susan spoke to Bernards Township who has participated in the past and they are happy with the program. Township need not be involved. All STC needs to do is send information out to schools by November 10th and put some signs up. If the Long Hill Township has the most trees, the Township will get 100 free trees. Mary will send flyer to Paul who will give to St. Vincent's and to Melanie who will give to the Long Hill Township Board.
4. 90th Annual Conference of the NJ Shade Tree Federation: Susan handed out information.
5. Challenge Grant Trees after Drought: Susan drove by three trees to check on their status. Don will check other trees.
6. STC in Loop with Tree Removals: Susan spoke to Tom Sweeney about being kept in the loop before trees removed. There were 51 trees on the list that had been removed. Susan to ask Tom to mark trees to be removed. Tree service should know not to remove trees in the right of way. Roughly 25' from the middle of the street is the right of way.

New Business

1. Financial Disclosure Forms for 2016: Needs to be completed by January 2016. Susan will check with Cathy to double check if it's 2015 or 2016 for which the reminder was sent.
2. Ordinance – Peter suggested STC submit the STC ordinance again.
3. Melanie is currently an alternate and the Township needs to make Melanie a full STC member at the end of the year.

Don moved to adjourn the meeting, Peter seconded and all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

► Next meeting: **Monday, November 16, 7:00 PM** at the **Library**.

Submitted by,
Mary DeLello, Recorder