

Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2016

Attendees: Melanie Palmer Burdorf, Susan Jeans, Peter O'Neill, Paul Tamburri, and Mary DeLello (recorder).

Absent: Don Farnell, Phyllis Fast, Tom Malinousky, and Guy Piserchia

Meeting called to order at 7:12 PM by Susan.

Approval of May 23, 2016 minutes: Don't have quorum to vote on minutes. Mary to email minutes to members for approval.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. **Treasurer's Report:** no report
2. **Grants:** Melanie to look for grant to take care of trees on the big tree list.
3. **Projects**
 - a. **Earmark neighborhoods who need trees replaced:** no discussion
 - b. **Big tree list:** Susan will distribute list and everyone will work to update list. Dennis Landau wants Swamp White Oak at 347 Somerset Street added to the big tree list.
 - c. **Determine what STC will do for big trees:** possible pruning
 - d. **Achieve status as Tree City:** need to finish Forestry Report and then will work on Tree City.
4. **Paul – CCM classes** "Special Topics on Arboriculture" for 8 weeks. Next core training class October 28th.
5. **JCP&L pruning trees on private property:** Homeowners had not been notified that trees were to be pruned.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Forestry Report** – Township Committee approved but State rejected. STC made two revisions state requested and Joe Dunn needs to make revisions before resubmitting to the State.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Application for Development on Mountain Avenue:** open lot near RR tracks by Gillette train station. Development of lot would involve taking down a great deal of trees.
2. **Application for Development on Mercer Street:** lot proposed for development.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. Susan moved, Melanie seconded, all in favor.

►Next meeting: **Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Library.**

Submitted by,
Mary DeLello, Recorder