

Township of Franklin, Somerset County, N.J. - Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes October 27, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm

1. Role Call:
 - a. Present: Sara Malone-Chair, Carol Parker-Vice Chair, Carl Hauck, Robert Hudak, Arnold Schmidt
 - b. Excused: Jason Harkins, Christopher Williams
2. Secretary's Report (Approval of September Minutes): A. Schmidt moved, R. Hudak second, unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: No update.
4. First Opening of the Meeting to the Public: None present

Old Business

1. Shade Tree Commission (STC) Open Position: S. Malone will solicit participation from wood lot owners in Township

Action Item: S. Malone will bring a list of wood lot owners to the next meeting for consideration by the Committee
2. CEUs: Require 8 credits between 2 members of Township. S. Malone anticipates meeting requirement

Action Item: All STC members should submit CEU documentation to S. Malone ASAP.
3. CSIP Grant and Hazardous Tree ID Project: No update.
4. Proposed Tree Planting
 - a. Hamilton Street Redevelopment (HSR): C. Hauck reported that the Township is evaluating removal of trees versus hiring consultant to remove them – no action required.
 - b. Middlebush Park: C. Hauck reported that 150 trees were planted. Condition of willows is questionable, gator bags and tree guards were also installed – no action required
5. Tree Planting and Maintenance Updates
 - a. JFK Blvd. Tree Replacement Program: C. Hauck gave an update on conditions – still have some spots to fill and condition of several trees is questionable. J. Baumley had prepared a plan for replacement of JFK trees,

Action Item: C. Hauck will secure a copy of J. Baumley's planting/maintenance plan for review by the STC

- b. Memorial Forest – Zelkovas: STC would like to see the original plans for the Memorial Forest – C. Hauck indicated that Township Engineering should have them. Also discussed replacement of Zelkovas in drive as originally negotiated with J. Baumley and whether trees from tree sale that were planted temporarily can be moved in the spring and replaced with Zelkovas – no action pending discussion with C. Williams
 - c. Hazard Trees in Township – none reported
6. Public Information/Education/Events
- a. Franklin Days – Discussion – deemed a successful event – no action required
 - b. Emerald Ash Borer: Discussed and approved language for article in Township News.
Action Item: S. Malone will submit to Alice Osipowitz before deadline
 - c. Annual Tree Sale: R. Hudak provided a status report – no action required
 - d. Website: S. Malone led a discussion of website updates relative to information to be posted in Township Newsletter as regards EAB
Action Item: STC members should review the site and compile recommendation for updates and reorganization to be discussed at next meeting. S. Malone will coordinate with J. Harkins to post EAB-related materials
 - e. Arbor Day 2017: No update this month.

7. Public Inquiries: None

New Business

1. No new business
2. Second opening of the Meeting to the Public: None present

Dendrology

None discussed

Adjournment:

8:40 PM

A. Schmidt motioned, C. Parker 2nd, unanimously approved.

Respectively Submitted,

Sara Malone

Chair