

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

Meeting Minutes November 17, 2016

Present: Sara Malone-Chair, Jason Harkins, Robert Hudak, Christopher Williams, Arnold Schmidt

Excused: Carol Parker-Vice Chair, Carl Hauck

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm

Secretary's Report (Approval of Minutes):

- October 2016 – A. Schmidt motioned, R. Hudak 2nd, minutes approved, 3 votes in favor, 2 abstained.

Treasurer's Report: No update this month.

Old Business

1. Shade Tree Commission (STC) Open Position: No update this month.
2. CEUs - Required

Action Item: J. Harkins to provide CEU documentation to S. Malone.
3. CSIP Grant and Hazard Tree Identification Project: Currently compiling a list of consultants to solicit proposals from.
4. Proposed Tree Planting
 - a. Hamilton Street Redevelopment (HSR): No update this month.
 - b. Middlebush Park: No update this month.
5. Tree Planting and Maintenance Updates
 - a. JFK Blvd. Tree Replacement Program: Gator bags have been installed.
 - b. Memorial Forest: Zelkovas have not been received to date.
 - c. Hazard Trees: No new hazard tree conditions reported this month.
6. Public Information/ Education/ Events
 - a. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): General discussion of additional EAB resources to add to website (information on identifying ash trees, identifying damage, appropriate replacement trees).
 - b. Tree Sale: Descriptions of trees/photos to be added to website.
 - c. Website: General discussion of future upgrades
 - d. Arbor Day 2017: S. Malone from Hagerman Farm Owner to host a tree planting for Arbor Day.

New Business

1. 2017 STC Meeting Dates, A. Schmidt motioned, J. Harkins 2nd, meeting dates approved, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Public Discussion

No Public.

Dendrology

None discussed

Adjournment:

8:06 PM

- A. Schmidt motioned, R. Hudak 2nd, unanimously approved.

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins

Secretary