

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

Meeting Minutes July 28, 2016

Present: Sara Malone-Chair, Carol Parker-Vice Chair, Jason Harkins, Carl Hauck, Robert Hudak,

Excused: Arnold Schmidt, Christopher Williams

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Secretary's Report (Approval of Minutes):

- June 2016 – S. Malone motioned, R. Hudak 2nd, minutes unanimously approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: No update.

Old Business

1. Shade Tree Commission (STC) Open Position: No update this month.
2. CFMP - Hazard Tree Identification Project: S. Malone had a brief conversation with Consultant regarding the status/proceeding with the Consultant's proposal, agreed to continue discussion next week.

Action Item: S. Malone to follow-up with Consultant next week.

3. CFMP – Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) Grant Application: No update this month.
4. Green Team and i-Tree Canopy: No update this month.
5. Proposed Tree Planting
 - a. Franklin Township High School: No update this month.
 - b. Hamilton Street Redevelopment (HSR): Consultant provided draft plans for tree removal/replacement for review/comments.

Action Item: STC members to review plans and provide any comments to S. Malone by next week.

- c. PSE&G Scenic Byway & Causeway Revegetation: No update this month.
 - d. Middlebush Park: 40 Trees have been installed. No more trees are available for planting this year.
6. Tree Planting and Maintenance Updates
 - a. JFK Blvd. Tree Replacement Program: No update this month.
 - b. Hazard Trees: Thompson Park – Tree in question is outside of R.O.W.

Action Item: S. Malone to coordinate next steps with the Township Administrator.

7. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): General discussion of EAB information provided by the State Forest Service, specifically establishing an EAB working group for the Township. S. Malone has spoken to Councilman Chase about moving this forward. Also discussed the need for new EAB links on the website as well as a visible link on the main STC webpage

Action Item: J. Harkins to coordinate website updates. S. Malone to follow-up with Mayor Kramer/Councilman Chase regarding EAB working group.

8. Community Events – Public Information/Education
 - a. Franklin Days - September 24, 2016 (EAB and 2017 Tree Sale):
 - i. Discuss specific details for Franklin Days display next month (August).
9. Tree Sale & Arbor Day – April 2017:
 - a. Tree Sale: General discussion of tree species selection. STC to select trees next month (August).
 - b. Arbor Day 2017: No update this month.
10. Public Inquiries: None

New Business

1. None Discussed

Public Discussion

No Public.

Dendrology

None discussed

Adjournment:

8:12 PM

S. Malone motioned, C. Parker 2nd, unanimously approved.

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins

Secretary