

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2016

Present: Sara Malone-Chair, Chris Williams, Robert Hudak, Carl Hauck, Carol Parker-Vice Chair

Excused: Jason Harkins, Arnold Schmidt

Meeting called to order at 07:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report – No minutes to approve

Treasurer's report – current balance \$117,370.72

Old Business:

1. Shade Tree Commission Open Positions – Chair will contact interested individuals and request brief bios
2. CFMP – Hazardous Tree ID Project – No proposal from forester
3. CFMP – Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) Grant Application – received \$10,00 to complete our tree inventory
4. Green Team and i-Tree Canopy – No new information
5. Jeff Baumley Service Recognition – October
6. Proposed Tree Plantings
 - a. Hamilton Street Redevelopment – presentation/discussion- reviewed plans
 - b. Middlebush Park status update report – Carl reported phase I completed.
7. Tree Planting and Maintenance Updates
 - a. JFK Boulevard Tree Replacement Program – 20 trees for fall planting
 - b. Hazard Trees – No report this month
8. Emerald Ash Borer – Discussed reduced price for removing ash trees. Chair explained that the Township could not ethically do it. Residents would need to contract with their own arborist. Sara would like two people besides her to look at what information is out there and pull it together. No volunteers—tabled for next meeting.
9. Public Inquiries - None

New Business:

1. Second opening of the Meeting to the Public-no public present
2. Franklin Days – September 2016 - B. Hudak will take lead to get booth and table and both B. Hudak & Chair will attend

3. Tree Sale & Arbor Day – April 2017- Discussed trees for sale and decided that 15 trees of each variety will be purchased. (Firefall Maple, Liriodendron tulipifera, Malus Red splendor crab-pink, Auercus alba white oak and serviceberry). Trees will be sold for \$45 each.
4. DPW needs a bucket truck and it was agreed that we will contribute. Budget to be considered.

Adjournment:

08:37 p.m. B. Hudak made motion to adjourn; C. Williams seconded the motion.

Respectively Submitted,

Carol J. Parker, Vice-Chair