

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

Meeting minutes May 22, 2014

Present: Christopher Williams-Chair, Jean Ambrose-VC, Jason Harkins, Robert Hudak, Sara Malone, Carol Parker, Arnold Schmidt

Absent: Carl Hauck, Jeff Baumley

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm.

Approval of Minutes, April 2014 – J. Ambrose motioned, C. Parker 2nd

Old Business

1. Arbor Day Celebration: S. Malone/C. Parker led discussion of the success of the STC Arbor Day Celebration that was held on Friday, 4/25/14. In summary, the events included planting three trees at two schools within the Township (Pine Grove Manor School & Hillcrest School) Student turnout at both schools was excellent with over 400 students attending the tree planting at Pine Grove.

Media coverage included the Franklin Reporter & Advocate along with the other local newspapers.

Planning for 2015 Arbor Day Celebration to be discussed at a future STC Meeting.

2. CFMP – S. Malone led review of Draft CFMP including addressing of comments provided by J. Ambrose and A. Schmidt. Revisions made during meeting.

Action Item: S. Malone to make final revisions and send CFMP to C. Hauck for distribution within the Township Administration for comment/approval following approval of revisions by STC at June 2014 meeting.

3. Site Plan Review Status: J. Ambrose requested an update on the status of Town Code Chapter 222 revisions proposed by Planning Director Mark Healy at the direction of Robert Vornlocker, Township Manager in March.

Action Item: C. Williams to contact C. Hauck for a status.

New Business

1. C. Williams indicated that previous STC Commissioner had promised to plant shrubs and herbaceous species within Negri-Nepote Preserve with STC funds. Following review of the Town Code it was not permitted to plant small shrubs/herbaceous plant species using STC funds. S. Malone suggested that the STC develop a plan for a planting project at Negri-Nepote.

Action Item: C. Williams to try to determine what exactly was promised at Negri-Nepote and bring information back to the STC for discussion and possible planting within the guidelines of what the Commission is permitted to use STC funds for.

2. C. Williams brought to the attention of the STC two partially dead trees within the township.
 - a. 125 Hollywood Avenue
 - b. Demott Lane, east side of Demott Lane, south of Dellwood Lane.

Action Item: STC members to look at trees and send comments to C. Williams.
3. Appointment of 2015 Tree Sale Subcommittee by Chairman, C. Williams
 - a. J. Ambrose, Chair
 - b. C. Parker
 - c. R. Hudak
 - d. J. Harkins
 - e. J. Baumley, Advisor

Public Discussion

One observer present, did not have comments/questions for discussion.

Dendrology

Was not discussed

Adjournment:

8:45 PM

C. Williams motioned, J. Ambrose, 2nd

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins
Secretary