

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

### **Meeting minutes July 24, 2014**

Present: Jean Ambrose-VC, Jason Harkins, Robert Hudak, Sara Malone, Carol Parker, Arnold Schmidt, Carl Hauck

Absent: Christopher Williams-Chair, Jeff Baumley

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm.

Approval of Minutes, June 2014 – S. Malone motioned, C. Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes unanimously approved as written.

### **Old Business**

1. CFMP: S. Malone finalizing incorporation of revisions into CFMP for distribution to the township staff before next week.
2. Tree Sale 2015: General discussion of species sub-committee suggests including both shade and ornamental species. The deadline for including an ad in the newsletter is 8/11/14. Online payment is not possible, residents will have to pay by check and mail in form.

#### **Action Items:**

- C. Parker to coordinate with the Town Manager regarding the request to install a sign promoting the tree sale on the municipal complex property.
  - J. Harkins to coordinate with help desk for Tree Sale content to the township website.
  - J. Ambrose to coordinate education component.
  - R Hudak to coordinate newsletter Ads.
3. Arbor Day 2014: General discussion of adding mention of the activities on the website.
  4. Financial Report: General discussion of questions members have, to be compiled for discussion at August Meeting with C. Williams.

### **New Business**

1. Tree Guards: C. Hauck indicated that the original order is in the process of being resubmitted.
2. Upcoming events: at 7PM on 9/15/14 in Council chambers, the Environmental Commission will host, during their scheduled meeting, a presentation by an expert regarding invasive species in New Jersey.

**Public Discussion**

Barbara Ten Brooke, Millstone Valley National Scenic Byway. Barbara summarized the concerns they have had with the techniques used by PSE&G to prune/trim in and around their overhead wires. Barbara has requested that STC members attend a future meeting with PSE&G and representatives Scenic Byway, other shade tree commissions (Princeton Montgomery).

A. Schmidt motioned to Commit the STC to attend the meeting with PSE&G at a future date and time to be determined by Barbara Ten Broeke. C. Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, unanimous vote, yes.

**Dendrology**

No Discussion

**Adjournment:**

8:18 PM

S. Malone motioned, A. Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins  
Secretary