

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

### Meeting minutes October 23, 2014

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

Absent: Christopher Williams-Chair, Carl Hauck,

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm., presided over by J. Ambrose - VC

Approval of Minutes, No minutes to review, hold for November meeting

### Old Business

1. CFMP: S. Malone reported copies of revised CFMP have been received from the Consultant and will be sent over to the Mayor for Signature and sent to State Forester.

Note: All members to provide hours spent on CFMP to S. Malone for submission.

2. Eagle Scout tree planting projected presented by B. Chesner at September meeting has been canceled.

3. Tree Sale 2015: General Discussion of Progress.

- a. C. Parker/R. Hudak presented mockup of Tree Sale Sign for installation near the intersection of DeMott Lane and Amwell Rd. on Town property. Mockup was approximately, 72" (6ft.) high x 38" wide, final size may expand to 4ft wide. Two identical signs put together in a V shade was also proposed.

**Action Item:** C. Parker/R. Hudak to complete sign and coordinate approval of placement with Town Manager.

- b. J. Harkins presented revised website pages.

**Action Item:** J Harkins to revised pages based on comments and submit to IT for loading/formatting on website.

- c. J. Ambrose to continue overall coordination efforts.

4. Tree Guards: Have been delivered and installed on all trees planted by the Township within the past two years.

### New Business

1. Mark Healey, Township Planning Director, scheduled to attend November Meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the Tree Ordinance.
2. PSE&G Tree Pruning: J. Ambrose attended a meeting with executive representative of PSE&G and members of the Scenic Byways Commission.
  - a. PSE&G Rep. emphasizes stance that keeping wires clear are priority over the protection of trees.
  - b. Scenic Byways Coalition preparing a written response.
  - c. STC to suggest that PSE&G be required to have a certified arborist or tree expert on pruning crews to ensure proper pruning techniques are utilized.

3. Tree Fund Summary – No comments/Questions discussed. Note that 5 zelkova trees from previous tree sale to be purchased and planted.
4. Middlebush Park – STC to request landscape plans for park and review at a future meeting for a potential tree planting project.

**Public Discussion**

None Present

**Dendrology**

Discussion of fall color/interest including maples, oakleaf hydrangeas, berry producers (winterberry holly/viburnum), Kalmia, Etc)

**Adjournment:**

9:24 PM

S. Malone motioned, J. Ambrose, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins

Secretary