

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

### Meeting minutes November 20, 2014

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

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

#### Approval of Minutes:

- September 2014 – C. Williams motioned, J. Ambrose 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes unanimously approved as written.
- October 2014 – C. Parker motioned, S. Malone 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes unanimously approved as amended.

### Old Business

1. CFMP: No Update.
2. Tree Sale 2015: General Discussion of Progress.
  - a. Sign:  
**Action Item:** C. Parker to complete sign graphics and with R. Hudak coordinate installation with DPW.
  - b. Website:  
**Action Item:** J Harkins to submit to IT for loading/ formatting on website the tree sale pages.
  - c. Publicity: Tree sale ad already submitted to Franklin Times.  
**Action Item:** R. Hudak to coordinate submitting tree sale ad for running in other publications (Franklin Advocate, Princeton Packet, Home News and Tribune, and Courier News).

### New Business

1. Proposed revisions to Tree Removal Ordinance (Chapter 222)
  - a. Mark Healey, Township Planning Director, discussed the specific proposed revisions to the tree removal ordinance. Group discussion of minor comments including STC suggestion to add language to ordinance indicating that no tree to remain is to have construction operations performed with the tree's dripline.
  - b. M. Healey suggested STC should be involved with preparing updated/new best management practices for township trees.
  - c. STC Training budget will be put before the Council in the coming months for approval.
2. 2015 STC Meeting Dates: C. Williams motioned, C. Parker 2<sup>nd</sup> and unanimously approved for the 2015 Meeting Schedule as amended with revised date for January Meeting.

**Public Discussion**

None Present

**Dendrology**

Discussion of trees that hold their leaves through the winter (Sawtooth Oak, Red Oak, Pin Oak), and flowering/ornamental species (Eastern Redbud, Stewartia, Sweetbay Magnolia, Beeches, River Birches.

**Adjournment:**

9:16 PM

C. Williams motioned, J. Ambrose, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins  
Secretary