

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

### **Meeting Minutes January 22, 2015**

Present: Christopher Williams-Chair, Jason Harkins, Robert Hudak, Carol Parker, Arnold Schmidt, Jeff Baumley

Absent: Carl Hauck, Sara Malone (Excused)

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

First order of business was to elect Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2015.

- A. Schmidt motioned to reelect C. Williams as Chair, C. Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous vote in favor.
- C. Williams motioned to elect S. Malone as Vice-Chair, A. Schmidt 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous vote in favor.
- C. Williams reappointed Chair and S. Malone appointed as Vice Chair.
- C. Williams reappointed J. Harkins as Secretary for 2015.

Approval of Minutes:

- November 2014 – C. Williams motioned, C. Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes unanimously approved as amended.

### **Old Business**

1. Tree Sale 2015: Tree sales continue, Venus Dogwood officially sold out, tree sale sign installed, website completed. STC agreed to extend last date to purchase trees to 3/15/15.
2. Tree City Recertification:
  - a. C. Williams has sent letters to Franklin Township and PSE&G requesting costs incurred over the past year for maintenance of trees within the Township, and is waiting for a response. C. Williams to complete STC's accomplishment letter for 2014.
3. CFMP: Hold for discussion during February meeting.
4. Arbor Day Celebration: General discussion of possible plans for Arbor Day Celebration including tree plantings at local schools, possible tree donation, flying Arbor Day Flag on township flag pole.

### **New Business**

1. Replacement STC Member: C. Williams to mention STC openings to the Open Space Committee for anyone interested in joining the commission.
2. Procedure for Reimbursements: A request for approval for any training that a member wishes to take must be submitted to the township 6 weeks before the deadline to submit the registration for the particular training course.
3. Future Projects/Goals: R. Hudak/S. Malone to develop draft list of future short term projects.

## **Public Discussion**

None Present

## **Dendrology**

Discussion of evergreen trees

- Dragon Eye Variegated Plack Pine, *Pinus thunbergii* ‘*Oculus Draconis*’
- White Pine, *Pinus strobus*
- Himalayan Pine, *Pinus wallichiana*
- Colorado Blue Spruce, *Picea pungens* ‘*Glauca*’
- Serbian Spruce, *Picea Omorika*
- Canadian Hemlock, *Tsuga Canadensis*

## **Adjournment:**

8:25 PM

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

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins  
Secretary