

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

### Meeting Minutes August 27, 2015

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

Excused Absent: Jeff Baumley, Carl Hauck, Carol Parker

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Approval of Minutes:

- July 2015 – A. Schmidt motioned, R. Hudak 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes ~~unanimously~~ approved as amended.

### Old Business

1. Shade Tree Commission (STC) Open Position: No update.
2. CFMP - Hazard Tree Identification Project: S. Malone coordinating with Consultant for proposal to perform the Hazard Tree Identification, Consultant has requested information that Franklin GIS Administrator will need to provide.  

**Action Item:** S. Malone to coordinate with C. Hauck for GIS assistance.
3. CFMP – Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) Grant Application: No grants currently available.
4. CEU Standings: Shade Tree Federation (STF) has accepted CEU hours and STF website has been updated accordingly.
5. Proposed Tree Plantings
  - a. High School – September 11, 2015: Postponed until 2016, STC not able to attend Council Meeting for approval of project.
  - b. Samson G. Smith School – Arbor Day 2016: No update this month.
  - c. Memorial Forest Plan Review: No update this month.
  - d. Hamilton Street Redevelopment: American Forestry Community Relief Grant is available and has been applied for previously including a recent resubmission for consideration.
  - e. Causeway Project (PSE&G) – No update, next meeting of Causeway Committee is scheduled for October.
6. Tree Planting and Maintenance Updates
  - a. JFK Blvd. Tree Replacement Program: Trees don't appear to be watered enough, several are in decline/dying.  

**Action Item:** C. Williams to coordinate watering with C. Hauck.
  - b. Arbor Day 2015/ Negri Nepote Tree Planting: No update this month.

- c. Middlebush Park Tree Planting: Tentatively scheduled to have site plan for discussion in November of locations for proposed trees in parking lot islands.
  - d. Memorial Forest – zelkovas need straightening: No update this month.
  - e. Hazard Trees (To be coordinated with C. Hauck):
    1. Wells Fargo Beech (Corner of Bennetts Lane and Rte. 27): No update this month.
    2. Dead Oaks (Amwell Rd., across from Stage House Tavern): J. Baumley noted in an email to S. Malone that two (2) dead oaks should be removed.
7. Annual Tree Sale 2016: General discussion of progress and advertisement.
- Action Item:** R. Hudak to coordinate with J. Baumley for becoming the ~~sole~~-primary contact point with Bailey Nursery.
- Action Item:** J. Harkins to coordinate website update for Tree Sale Items.
8. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): General discussion of adding EAB information to STC website including links (Rutgers, etc.)
- Action Item:** J. Harkins to develop list of EAB links for September.
9. Franklin Days Festival Table: General discussion of brochures to display at event.

**New Business**

None discussed this month.

**Public Discussion**

No public present.

**Dendrology**

None discussed this month.

**Adjournment:**

8:47 PM

C. Williams motioned, A. Schmidt 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins  
Secretary