

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

Meeting Minutes May 28, 2015

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

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Approval of Minutes:

- April 2015 – S. Malone motioned, C. Parker 2nd, minutes unanimously approved as amended.

Old Business

1. Annual Tree Sale 2016: General discussion regarding tree selection, possible specific planting/ maintenance instructions for each tree being offered. Draft list of trees to offer includes Venus Dogwood, October Glory or Red Sunset Red Maple, London Planetree. and Tree Lilac.
2. JFK Blvd. Tree Replacement Program: Planting of additional trees to complete project on hold until Fall 2015.
3. Arbor Day Function: General discussion of event's success. DPW to spread mulch delivered to the site around trees/shrubs planted.
4. CFMP - Hazard Tree Identification Project: S. Malone inquired with consultant for performing the hazard tree identification. Consultant indicated charging on a lane mile basis. Franklin Township has 254 lane miles.

Action Item: S. Malone to coordinate with Consultant to prepare a quote for performing the work.

5. CFMP – Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) Grant Application: No update this month.
6. Replacement Commission Member: No update this month.

Action Item: C. Williams to coordinate including ad in fall issue of the Franklin Times.

7. Tree Plantings – Sept. 11, 2015 at New High School:

Action Item: R. Hudak to forward photos taken of plaques to C. Williams for presenting to school board.

8. 2015 Tasks and Follow Ups: General discussion of tracking, tasks should be kept on monthly agenda until tasks are completed.
9. CEU Standings: Acceptance of CEU credits pending

Action Item: J. Harkins to provide NJ Shade Tree Foundation (NJSTF) with descriptions of CEU hours completed to determine applicability.

10. Samson G. Smith Arbor Day 2016: No update this month, A. Schmidt has not received response to inquiry with resident whom suggested project.

New Business

1. Middlebush Park Tree Planting: C. Williams reported that tree planting project is already out to bid, but that the Town agreed to amend the bid/or revise during construction to replace the Cedars specified with Norway Spruces, as requested by the STC.
2. Treasurer's Report: C. Parker requests copies of the Purchase Orders from Bailey's Nursery from 2015 Tree Sale.
3. 5 Carriage Trail Request: Resident requested STC check dead or dying tree near sidewalk. J. Baumley plans to look at tree in question.

Public Discussion

One present, no comments.

Dendrology

Flowering Trees: Tricolor Beech, Kousa dogwoods (Venus Hybrid, Galilean, Stellar Pink, Heartthrob, Samaritan. Sweetbay Magnolia, Japanese Snowbell Tree.

Adjournment:

8:51 PM

R. Hudak motioned, C. Parker 2nd motion.

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins
Secretary