

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

### Meeting Minutes October 22, 2015

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

Excused Absent: Carol Parker

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

#### Approval of Minutes:

- August 2015 – A. Schmidt motioned, S. Malone 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes unanimously approved as amended.
- September 2015 – S. Malone motioned, C. Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes unanimously approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: No update this month.

### Old Business

1. Shade Tree Commission (STC) Open Position: C. Williams with several residents, no interest at this time.
2. CFMP - Hazard Tree Identification Project: No update this month.
3. CFMP – Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) Grant Application: No update this month.
4. CEU Standings: STC members to provide CEU information to S. Malone for 2015 CEU's, due in December.
5. Proposed Tree Plantings
  - i. Franklin Township High School: No update this month.
  - ii. Samson G. Smith School: No update this month.
  - iii. Memorial Forest Plan Review: No update this month, to be removed from Agenda moving forward.
  - b. Hamilton Street Redevelopment: Township has reapplied for TD Bank Grant.
  - c. PSE&G Scenic Byway & Causeway Revegetation: No update this month.

**Action Item:** S. Malone to research STC's potential involvement.
6. Tree Planting and Maintenance Updates
  - a. JFK Blvd. Tree Replacement Program: No update this month.
  - b. Arbor Day 2015/ Negri Nepote Tree Planting: No update this month.
  - c. Middlebush Park Tree Planting: No update this month.

- d. Memorial Forest – zelkovas need straightening/mulch rings: No update this month.
  - e. Hazard Trees:
    - i. Wells Fargo Beech: No update this month.
    - ii. Dead Oaks near Stage House Tavern on Amwell Rd.: No update this month.
    - iii. Urgent Care, Route 27: To be removed from agenda.
    - iv. Veterinary Hospital, 4222 Route 27: No update this month.
7. Annual Tree Sale 2016: No update on additional sign inquiry. Website to be update with tree sale information following finalization of plant availability with Nursery.
- Action Item:** R. Hudak to coordinate with C. Parker for additional sign, to request quote from local sign maker.
- Action Item:** R. Hudak to coordinate submitting order form/ad to publications and provide order form to J. Harkins for website posting and update of tree sale information.
8. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): Draft layout of EAB website addition approved.
- Action Item:** J. Harkins to coordinate adding EAB Tab and links to website.
9. Franklin Days Festival Table – Report: Completed, to be removed from agenda.

**New Business**

None discussed this month.

**Public Discussion**

No public present.

**Dendrology**

Fall Color: Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Green Mountain Sugar Maple, Dogwoods, Sweetgum.

**Adjournment:**

8:35 PM

C. Williams motioned, R. Hudak 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins

Secretary