

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

Meeting Minutes November 19, 2015

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

Excused Absent: Sara Malone-VC, Carl Hauck

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Approval of Minutes:

- October 2015 – C. Williams motioned, A. Schmidt 2nd, minutes unanimously approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Current Shade Tree Fund Balance = \$134,833.25.

Old Business

1. Shade Tree Commission (STC) Open Position: No update this month.
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.

Action Item: J. Harkins to provide CEU information to S. Malone for submission.

5. Proposed Tree Planting
 - a. Franklin Township High School: No update this month.
 - b. Samson G. Smith School: No update this month.
 - c. Hamilton Street Redevelopment: No update this month.
 - d. PSE&G Scenic Byway & Causeway Revegetation: Byway Commission would like assistance from STC in developing planting plan. STC suggests Byway commission member attends future STC meeting.
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. Memorial Forest – zelkovas need straightening: No update this month.

Action Item: C. Williams to send follow-up note to C. Hauck regarding zelkovas.

d. 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. Veterinary Hospital, 4222 Route 27: No update this month.

Action Item: C. Williams to send email to County Health Department regarding hazard trees at this address.

7. Annual Tree Sale 2016: 4 species to be sold has been confirmed, website to be updated with tree sale information.

a. Signage: General Discussion of options for additional signage promoting the tree sale.

- i. Additional 4'x6' sign: C. Williams motioned, J. Harkins 2nd, unanimously approved, for purchase of one (1) 4'x6' sign at \$450.00.
- ii. 24" x 18" small signs: C. Williams motioned, R. Hudak 2nd, unanimously approved, for the purchase of ten (10) 24" x 18" signs at \$18 ea., total cost \$180.00

8. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): No update this month.

Action Item: J. Harkins to coordinate adding EAB Tab and links to website.

New Business

None discussed this month.

Public Discussion

No public present.

Dendrology

Winter Interest: Winterberry Holly 'Winter Red', heavy berries, also cultivar 'Red Sprite' and 'Winter Gold'

Adjournment:

8:00 PM

C. Williams motioned, J. Baumley 2nd.

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins

Secretary