

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

Meeting Minutes June 23, 2016

Present: Sara Malone-Chair, Carol Parker-Vice Chair, Jason Harkins, Arnold Schmidt, Robert Hudak, Christopher Williams

Excused Absent: Carl Hauck

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Secretary's Report (Approval of Minutes):

- April 2016 – S. Malone motioned, R. Hudak 2nd, minutes unanimously approved as amended.
- May 2016 – S. Malone motioned, R. Hudak 2nd, minutes approved as amended. 5 votes in favor, 1 abstained.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance of shade tree fund is \$91,690.72.

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. Green Team and i-Tree Canopy – All requested items/information has been provided by the STC.
5. Jeff Baumley Service Recognition – Tentatively scheduled for September Council Meeting.
6. Proposed Tree Planting
 - a. Franklin Township High School: No update this month.
 - b. Hamilton Street Redevelopment (HSR): Vince Dominach and HSR Consultant scheduled to attend July STC meeting.
 - c. PSE&G Scenic Byway & Causeway Revegetation: No update this month.
 - d. Middlebush Park – Several trees planted require straightening. General discussion of a grove of trees either end of parking lot.
7. Tree Planting and Maintenance Updates
 - a. JFK Blvd. Tree Replacement Program: No update this month.
 - b. Hazard Trees: There is a new “Road Complaint Inspection Form” to be used for reporting hazardous trees along County Roads.

8. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): S. Malone received packet of EAB information from NJ State Forestry Service.

Action Item: STC Members to review information provided for discussion next month.

9. Public Inquiries: None

New Business

1. No public.
2. Franklin Days: General discussion about materials to bring including EAB literature and signage.
3. Tree Sale 2016: General discussion, plan to discuss tree varieties next month.
4. Arbor Day 2016: No Discussion.

Public Discussion

No Public.

Dendrology

Ash Tree ID

Adjournment:

8:16 PM

C. Williams motioned, C. Parker 2nd, unanimously approved.

Respectively Submitted,

Jason Harkins

Secretary