

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Saturday, March 27, 2010
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson
Dianne Crilly
Steve Skop
Kathy Wilson
Don Burden (Council Liaison)

Absent

Gordon Ogden
Ellen Preissler
Miles Svikhart
Hermann Allen, Environmental Commission

Chairman Schmaltz began the meeting at 8:40 a.m. by reading the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Presiding Officer's statement in compliance with the P. L. 1975 c. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act. Roll call was taken by secretary, Susan Milnes.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY'S MEETING

Mrs. Crilly made a motion to approve February's meeting minutes. Mr. Skop seconded motion.

II. CORRESPONDANCE

- 2010 membership roster was e-mailed to STC members although Mr. Ogden recently informed Mrs. Schmaltz of his resignation. Mr. Ogden must write formal resignation to Mayor Cooperhouse. Mrs. Milnes suggests Mrs. Dawn Walsh to replace Mr. Ogden.
- Mrs. Schmaltz announced Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission's annual spring forum which will be held on Wednesday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a landscape architect speaking as well as discussion on gypsy moth program.
- Core Training will be held in Paramus, sponsored by NJ's Shade Tree Federation.
- Rumson Garden Club is selling trees.
- Resident Paul Squassi, Heritage Dr., has requested permission to cut down boro tree which is competing with heritage tree on property.
- Resident Steve Drucker, Patterson Ave., suffered damage to two autos due to a falling limb from a tree on boro property, adjacent to his property.
- Mr. Burden suggests STC send letter to Heritage Green homeowners association acknowledging their re-planting of arborvitae along DPW's chain link fence.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Tree City, USA** – Mrs. Schmaltz is still awaiting word from Shade Tree representative in Trenton regarding STC not spending all of tree budget. She hopes tree maintenance performed by DPW can be included as a charge to budget.
- B. Arbor Day/Earth Day Fair** – Tree will be purchased from Rumson Garden Club for \$95.00 to be raffled off at event on April 17th. Kids will write down how they can help environment on a cut-out leaf which will be placed in bucket. One suggestion will be randomly picked to win tree.
- C. Community Management Forestry Plan** – Mrs. Crilly submitted ideas prior to meeting. Mr. Burden offered suggestion of planting more sycamore trees along Sycamore Ave., which goes along with Mrs. Crilly's idea of picking a street and planting trees. Sickles Park and small baseball field at SBS are in need of shade trees, as well. Mrs. Schmaltz will type up Mrs. Crilly's suggestions, as well as additional suggestions, and submit to STC.
- D. Architectural Millwork** (155 – 159 Newman Springs Rd.) – Review of Mrs. Schmaltz's response letter dated 2/25/10.
- E. KHov Project** – Meeting opened to public at 9:30 a.m. Resident Jim Whelan (201 Patterson Ave.) expressed concern about tree removal in buffer zone. KHov says they will increase buffer zone to 30' and increase planting by 30% after construction. Mrs. Schmaltz will send second letter to KHov repeating concerns about screening, suggest anything thick should stay, and plant additional evergreens or re-arrange proposed plantings.

IV. NEXT MEETING

In lieu of April meeting, STC will participate in Earth Day Fair.

Susan Milnes, Secretary