

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Saturday, May 12, 2007
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson
Gordon Ogden
Miles Svikhart
Katherine Wilson
Don Burden (Council Liaison)
Hermann Allen Environmental Commission

Absent

Susan Berdahl
Dianne Crilly
Ellen Preissler

Chairman Schmaltz began the meeting at 8:47 a.m. by reading the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Presiding Officer's statement in compliance with P. L. 1975 c. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act. Roll call was taken by interim secretary, Don Burden.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL'S MEETING

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve April's meeting minutes. Mr. Svikhart seconded the motion.

II. CORRESPONDANCE

- Mrs. Schmaltz acknowledged correspondence of March 26 from the Thornbrooke Association expressing appreciation for the Shade Tree Commission's support for the approval of maintenance on selected trees that were covered with invasive vines.
- Mrs. Schmaltz review her letter to the residents of 91 West End Avenue regarding the request to plant a shade tree in the area where resident had removed a sweet gum tree that was in the borough's right of way.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Members reviewed Annual Borough Proclamation for Arbor Day 2007. Members were encouraged to attend the Borough Council meeting, Monday evening, May 21, to present Tree City USA Awards and Growth Award. Councilman Burden agreed to request that presentation be placed on Council agenda at beginning of Council's action items.
- B. Members agreed to support Mayor's recommendation to proceed with approval of revised Borough Ordinance.
- C. Mrs. Crilly was requested to prepare a brief article for the next issue of Borough Newsletter addressing issue of invasive vines and how to properly curtail their unwanted growth.

- D.** Mr. Svikhart reported on program held at Borough School. He met with three (3) classes to discuss importance of trees. Also, 98 Red Oaks (The New Jersey State Tree) were distributed to students. Also, 16 seedlings were planted on school property for future usage as they mature.
- E.** Mrs. Schmaltz updated the list of trees approved for removal;
 - 61 Paterson
 - 92 East End & Court
 - 110 West End
 - 215 Sycamore Avenue (West End)
 - 53 Garden Road
- F.** Members of Shade Tree Commission agreed to make a site visit to area where JCP & L have applied for a permit for tree clearing. It was thought that JCP & L did maintenance at the same site 4 years ago.
- G.** It was agreed that further research is need regarding the Commission's concern about trees planted at the entrance to Martelli site.
- H.** Mrs. Schmaltz reported that she met with representatives of "Detail Doctor" (Broad Street). They agreed to substitute White Birch with a more acceptable plant material for area under discussion.

IV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Center.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m., Mr. Svikhart seconded the motion.

Don Burden, Interim Secretary