

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Saturday, June 13, 2009
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson
Dianne Crilly ('til 8:55 a.m.)
Ellen Preissler
Miles Svikhart
Katherine Wilson
Don Burden (Council Liaison)
Hermann Allen, Environmental Commission

Absent

Gordon Ogden

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 MAY'S MEETING

Mrs. Preissler made a motion to approve May's meeting minutes. Mrs. Crilly seconded motion.

II. CORRESPONDANCE

With regret, Mrs. Schmaltz informed STC of receipt of Mrs. Berdahl's resignation letter, effective immediately.

Action: Mr. Burden will pass on Mr. Steven Skop's and Mr. Steven Drucker's name to Mayor Cooperhouse for appointment to STC with hopes of an approval at June 15th Council meeting.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Tree City, USA** – STC will make presentation to Mayor and Council at June 15th Council meeting. It is 11th year boro has received award. Mrs. Schmaltz proposes each councilman receive packet filled with tree information. Material will also be available on information rack in boro hall.
- B. Newsletter** – Mrs. Preissler submitted an article on tree pruning while Mrs. Schmaltz wrote article on care of newly planted trees.

- C. Monmouth County Library** – Mrs. Schmaltz notified authorities of condition of newly planted trees. Library's acting director will investigate and report back to Mrs. Schmaltz. Mrs. Schmaltz will follow-up next week if she has not received response.
- D. Tree Planting List** – Residents at 30 and 38 Winding Brook Way are responsible for removing dead trees since they are not in boro right-of-way. STC will replace two trees at #38 and one at #30.
Dead tree will be removed from Mayor Cooperhouse's property as well as tree near gazebo.
There is a dead tree at SBS. Should STC plant shrubs in front of guardrail at base of Obre Pl. and possibly a tree?
Resident at 98 Silverbrook requesting tree be removed although tree does not appear to be in bad shape. Mrs. Schmaltz suggests STC drive by and look at tree. She will also speak with resident and DPW's Frank Clark.
- E. Green Communities Grant** – STC must hire new consultant. Mr. Svikhart and Mr. Burden received list of vendors while attending NJ Shade Tree course; Mrs. Schmaltz will review list.

IV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ingrid Quezata (sp.?), 84 Trafford St., appealed to STC to look at condition of property at 159 Newman Springs Rd. It appears new occupant is operating out of building (Architectural Millwork). Mrs. Quezata reports tree has been taken down and property remains unkempt.

Action:

STC will request code enforcement officer to inspect property for possible violations. Mrs. Milnes will ask PB/ZB secretary if United Supply still owns property.

IV. PLANNING/ZONING BOARDS

- **Paul David Partyware** – Mrs. Schmaltz will refer to previous plans and correspondence.
- **Montessori Academy** – STC is happy to see rain garden which will receive parking lot run-off. Mrs. Schamltz will discourage planting non-native plants.

IV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Center.

Susan Milnes, Secretary