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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Saturday, August 8, 2009
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson
Dianne Crilly
Ellen Preissler
Gordon Ogden
Steve Skop
Miles Svikhart
Don Burden (Council Liaison)

Absent

Katherine Wilson
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 JUNE'S MEETING

Mr. Ogden made a motion to approve July's meeting minutes with following corrections; Mr. Skop was present at July's meeting, his name was inadvertently omitted. Mr. Skop also requested just one tree, not two as stated in Section III, "C." Mr. Skop seconded motion with corrections noted.

II. CORRESPONDANCE

Mrs. Schmaltz passed around NJ Shade Tree Federation newsletter. She will have Mr. Skop's name added to mailing list. Annual conference will be held Oct. 23 and 24. It is highly recommended STC members attend if they have not already done so.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Newsletter** – Article is due September 10, 2009. Mr. Burden suggests we submit an article on deer protection. He says county and state are studying what has become a big problem in NJ. Mr. Svikhart will prepare article. Mrs. Schmaltz will forward a link to deer resistance trees.
- B. Information Displays** – Goal of displays is to educate public. Mrs. Schmaltz will start with Boro Hall. Mrs. Crilly will pursue Monmouth County library. Mrs. Schmaltz will also touch base with Izzy Greico about adding information to STC's page on boro website.
- C. Martelli at Rosewood** – STC conducted a site visit after July's meeting and reports the following:
- Resident had two street trees removed by private landscaper. Mike Daly, project manager, will follow-up with replacement trees.
 - There is a dead sycamore on Sycamore Ave.
- When all trees are replaced, preferably in the fall, bond will be released.
- D. Architectural Millwork** (Newman Springs Rd.) – Mrs. Schmaltz followed up resident Ingrid Quezada's concern about removal of landscaping. Mrs. Schmaltz spoke with Code Enforcement Officer who forwarded complaint to Zoning Board Officer, who is investigating. Mrs. Crilly suggests STC looks at "Le Peep's" landscaping. It appears ground maintenance is needed. "Five Guys" is looking better. Mrs. Schmaltz will look at landscape plan and compare it to current condition.
- E. Tree Removal** – Resident on Shadowbrook Rd. who would like tree removed. STC members drove by house but are unsure which tree should be taken down. Mrs. Schmaltz and Frank Clark, DPW, will drive by to determine tree and its condition. Mr. Skop spoke with Mr. Clark regarding Chojnacki tree.
- F. Green Communities Grant** – STC must find new consultant. Mrs. Schmaltz will look through packet from arborist group which was sent to STC several years ago.

IV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Center.

Susan Milnes, Secretary