

# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)  
Saturday, September 20, 2008  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson  
Susan Berdahl  
Ellen Preissler  
Katherine Wilson  
Don Burden (Council Liaison)

### Absent

Dianne Crilly  
Gordon Ogden  
Miles Svikhart  
Hermann Allen, Environmental Commission

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Chairman Schmaltz began the meeting at 8:45 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 AUGUST'S MEETING

Mrs. Preissler made a motion to approve August's meeting minutes with one correction; Mrs. Preissler **was** present at August's meeting. Mrs. Berdahl seconded motion with correction noted.

### II. CORRESPONDANCE

- Mrs. Schmaltz shared article from NY Times (9/19/08) on Redwood National Park in CA. Some redwood trees are over 1000 years old and are four times height of Rockefeller Ctr. Christmas tree. Article from APP, "Mystifying Mulch" (9/18/09) also shared.
- Annual NJ Shade Tree meeting invitation, to be held on Oct. 24 and 25 in Cherry Hill was passed around, although all STC members should have received invitations in mail. New attendees are required to attend full day core session (Mrs. Schmaltz attended this course last year, fulfilling requirement). One borough official is required to attend. Mr. Burden will talk with Bob Wentway (DPW) to see if interested borough employee from his department can attend. Mrs. Schmaltz will attend conference but is unsure of course(s) to take.

### III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Donated Tree** - Borough resident Doris Dean called Mrs. Schmaltz inquiring about tree she is donating to Municipal Complex in her daughter's memory. Mrs. Schmaltz recalls spot was staked out near gazebo two years ago. Mrs. Dean will arrange planting of tree. Mrs. Schmaltz requests landscaper arrange mark-out of utilities before digging.
- B. Pool Bubble** – Borough resident Cathy Bell called Mrs. Schmaltz and informed her of a pool bubble in Paddington Farm neighborhood which is causing controversy. Issue is before ZB. If bubble is allowed, STC will require a buffer.
- C. Community Newsletter** – Deadline may have been missed, Mrs. Schmaltz will check with Mrs. Crilly to see if article was submitted.
- D. Sidewalks** – Mrs. Schmaltz met with borough engineer Dave Cranmer and another engineer to walk a one block area surveying which trees would be affected by installation of sidewalks. According to Mr. Cranmer, damaged trees will be replaced using grant money. Sidewalk issue is out for vote.
- E. Green Grant Update** – Phase II, a multiple paged document, must be completed within two years. Question was asked if STC should have consultant come to a regularly scheduled STC meeting. “Yes,” although STC would be flexible on alternate dates.
- F. Heritage House Realty** – Builder called to inform STC there is not enough space between building and adjacent brick building for original landscaping proposal. Builder suggested using same material but in different locations. STC agrees to suggestion.
- G. Martelli at Rosewood** – Last fall, three sycamore trees were replaced along Sycamore Avenue. Unfortunately, all three died. Two trees were replaced. STC will require third tree also be replaced. Builder is asking to replace Serbian spruces with Colorado Blue spruces. Color would be different but size will be the same. STC has no problem with replacement as location is in back of development and adjacent to natural area.
- H. Grove West** – Mrs. Berdahl confirmed one or two dead trees as well as a couple of evergreens.
- I. Central Jersey Blood Center** – Mrs. Schmaltz received letter from Randy requesting trees in islands be removed until parking lot is repaved. This is scheduled to happen within the next two to three years. Sprinkler system will be installed at this time. Until sprinkler system is installed, islands will be mulched over. Mrs. Schmaltz will forward response to Randy agreeing to request. She will include condition that if plans change, trees must go back in to islands. Mrs. Schmaltz will forward article from Tree City USA on value of planting trees in parking lots.
- J. SBS Trees** – STC removed five trees over past several years and have committed to replacing two trees along Obre Pl. SBS is requesting additional trees on kindergarten playground (two existing trees are dead). STC will recommend scraggly maple be removed and two trees be planted between east driveway and bell circle. STC may also propose two trees be planted in front of parking lot and three in front of Gym.
- K. Plant List** – Mrs. Schmaltz will get her requests in order for next meeting.

## **V. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Center.

Susan Milnes, Secretary