

Shade Tree Commission Meeting

April 11, 2017

Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

In Attendance: Louise Donoghue, Richard Lerner, Fred Callis, Bill Thorne, Kate Wigginton, Lori Montana

The meeting was called to order by Louise Donoghue at 7:01 P.M., in accordance to the Sunshine Law.

The Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on March 23, 2017 were approved. Rich Lerner made the motion, Jason Hughes seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening balance -March 15, 2017: \$6,140,51

Closing balance - April 11, 2017: \$5,990.51

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Kate Wigginton, seconded by Jason Hughes; all in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

This is our 36th year as a Tree City. We were approved for the Growth Award,. A big thank you Bill Thorne for writing the application.

Mayor and Council is meeting tomorrow night. Mayor Rhonda LeGrice will read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Stakeholders meeting went well. Maureen Campbell (a utility arborist for JCP&L) gave a very informative and interesting talk. Thank you to Bill Thorne and Fred Callis for working hard to make the meeting a success.

The Arbor Day planting will be in honor of Arbor Day. It will be on April 28 at 10:30 A.M. on First Avenue next to the skate park and in front of the parking lot. Four sycamores will be planted. Originally we voted to plant three trees, but it was decided that we would plant four. Kate Wigginton made the motion, Rich Lerner seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Jason will order the trees and the gardening soil from A. Cassola Farms. Kate Wiggnton will coordinate getting the trees to where they will be planted.

Louise Donoghue will give the Arbor Day presentation at the Atlantic Highlands Library for the children. She will hand out free tubelings.

New Business:

Spring planting: Ten new trees. Seven will be for residents, three will replace the trees that need to be removed on First Avenue.

The Shade Tree Commission will have a table at Film One Fest on July 15.

A vote was taken and we will not exceed \$200 in awards for the Arbor Day poster contest. Kate Wigginton made the motion, Bill Thorne seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Committee report:

Bill Thorne: We have 122 likes on facebook

Rich Lerner: Will head the tree inventory committee

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M., Jason Hughes made the motion to adjourn, Rich Lerner seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Montana