

Shade Tree Commission Meeting
July 9, 2014 7:00 PM
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

In attendance: Louise Donoghue, Regina Keelen, Bill Thorne, Marilyn Scherfen, Fran Hogan, Kate Wigginton and Mary Thompson

Mrs. Donoghue opened the meeting at 7:00 PM in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

The Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Bill Thorne and seconded by Marilyn Scherfen to accept them as written. All who had been in attendance at that meeting voted to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: A report was distributed by Bill Thorne. Discussion took place. A donation of \$450 was made by Donna Kociela in memory of Ken Kociela. Marilyn Scherfen talked about the proposed fall tree plantings and the \$2000.00 slated for their purchase. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Marilyn Scherfen and seconded by Regina Keelen to accept the report. All voted in favor of acceptance.

Old Business: Kate Wigginton talked to Hufnagle about the trimming of the trees that have been reported to be "scratching" cars. Marilyn Scherfen will go out with them to recheck the "offending" trees. Discussion followed.

New Business: The watering of the newly planted trees was discussed. It was suggested that the youngsters in the "Youth Commission" be asked to water the trees as a community service project. Other trees were discussed, including the 2 on Bay Avenue, the Helen Marchetti tree and the Bernie Frotton tree. The Chinese Elms on East Mount Avenue are not being watered sufficiently by the Borough. The "gator" bags empty quickly. Marilyn Scherfen is concerned that they were planted too late in the season. She will continue to monitor them. The Helen Marchetti tree was moved to opposite the Paul Boyd tree on the trail. New complaints were discussed. Mary Thompson will contact Pam Zipse about meeting to discuss the Community Forest Management plan.

The next meeting will be on September 9th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marilyn Scherfen and seconded by Fran Hogan. All agreed and the meeting was ended.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Thompson