

Shade Tree Commission Meeting
April 12, 2016 7:00 PM
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

In attendance: Louise Donoghue, Marilyn Scherfen, Kate Wigginton, Mary Wall, Fran Hogan, Lori Montana

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Scherfen at 7:06 P.M., in accordance to the Sunshine Law.

The Minutes: for March were accepted as corrected with the last name, Storch, added for Theresa Storch, the member of the public who attended the March meeting. Mary Wall made the motion to accept the minutes, Kate Wigginton seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Correspondence:

The State Forestry Service has invited the Shade Tree Commission to their Arbor Day celebration.

JCP&L will trim the trees on Highway 36.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance- March 8, 2016: 2,898.41

Closing Balance - April 12, 2016: \$1,951.41

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

Committee Reports:

Bill Thorne (Media): 100 likes on Facebook.

Louise Donoghue (Inventory): The commission members will sign up and take turns doing tree inventory.

Marilyn Scherfen (Maintenance): Six trees have been removed; five stumps still have to be removed.

Fran Hogan (Hospitality): \$50.00 worth of magnets have been sold.

Kate Wigginton (Watering): Mrs. Wigginton will organize a watering schedule with the various organizations and individuals who have offered to help. Mary Wall volunteered to help water.

Old Business: Kate Wigginton met with Dwayne Harris to verify the list of Commission members and their terms. A copy of the list is on file with Mr. Harris and the STC.

Arbor Day 2016:

The Arbor Day proclamation will be read by Mayor Rhonda "Randi" Le Grice at the Atlantic Highlands council meeting on April 13.

The poster contest had 218 entries.

Adult/Family tree photo contest has four entries, so far.

Atlantic Highlands Elementary School Program will be held on April 29 at 1:30 P.M. The plaque will read: "Dedicated to the Children of Atlantic Highlands." Louise Donoghue has ordered 400 tubelings, enough for each student to receive one.

Library Program: Louise Donoghue will be in charge.

New Business:

Kate Wigginton purchased gift cards to give to the winners of the Arbor Day poster contest, to be given at out the awards ceremony. It was decided to announce the winners of the poster contest at the AHES Arbor Day celebration, and to give out the prizes at the school's next award ceremony in June.

Fran Hogan and Lori Montana are registered for the CORE training session on April 23.

Marilyn Scherfen and Lori Montana are registered for the iTrees seminar on April 20.

Because of the destructive quality of pear trees, a motion was made not to plant them in the future. Louise Donoghue made the motion, Fran Hogan seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

The proposed target area for next fall's planting is Firemen's Field. The commission members in attendance were all in favor of pursuing this location.

The motion was made to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. by Mary Wall and seconded by Kate Wigginton; all in attendance agreed.

The poster contest judging continued after the formal meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Montana