

Shade Tree Commission Meeting

February 13, 2018

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

In Attendance: Louise Donoghue, Bill Thorne, Ken Grasso, Fred Callis, Lori Montana
Guests: Dido Krikorian, Rich Wolowicz

The meeting was called to order by Ken Grasso at 6:37 P.M., in accordance to the Sunshine Law.

Rich Wolowicz, spoke to the Shade Tree Commission about inventorying the trees in our town. He used iTree software and explained how to read the data on the spreadsheet and the graphs. 897 trees we inventoried. When Rich finished his presentation, he left the room.

The Shade Tree Commission members continued the meeting.

The Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on January 9, 2018 were accepted. Louise Donoghue made the motion, Bill Thorne seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening balance -January 10, 2018: \$10,036.90

Closing balance - February 13, 2018: \$8,780.66

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Fred Callis, seconded by Fred Callis: all in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

The commission members were pleased with the way Rich Wolowicz's inventoried the trees. Some trees were not counted or assessed. The decision on having him come back and inventory those trees was tabled and will be revisited in the spring.

Two locations are being looked into for the spring planting.

Louise will give her Arbor Day presentation to the children in the Atlantic Highland Library on Thursday, April 26 at 3:00 P.M. One hundred tubelings will be ordered.

Stakeholders Meeting: Fred Callis will design the fliers. Dido Krikorian will be in charge of refreshments. Bill Thorne will look into getting acorns from the World Trade Center in time for the meeting.

Tree City: Bill Thorne has completed the application for Atlantic Highlands to be a Tree City. The commission members expressed their gratitude.

Ken Grasso attended a webinar about the effectiveness of urban tree planting.

Newsletter: The discussion on whether to print the next newsletter or to do it electronically was tabled.

New Business:

Ken Grasso will attend a webinar on February 22.

Film One Fest: The discussion on whether to have a table during Film One Fest on Saturday, July 21 was tabled.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M., Louise Donoghue made the motion to adjourn, Bill Thorne seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Montana