

Atlantic Highlands Shade Tree Commission
Meeting May 8, 2018
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

In Attendance: Rich Lerner, Ken Grasso, Bill Thorne, Kate Wigginton, Fred Callis, Louise Donoghue, Lori Montana
Guest: Bob Alverson

The meeting was called to order by Ken Grasso at 6:38 P.M., in accordance to the Sunshine Law.

The Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on April 10, 2018 were accepted as amended. Louise Donoghue made the motion, Bill Thorne seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance: April 11, 2018- \$8,238.11

Closing Balance: May 8, 2018- \$8,294.11

The motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Ken Grasso, seconded by Kate Wigginton; all in attendance agreed.

Correspondence: A tree was donated by Jean Kaeli. The commission members were grateful for Ms. Kaeli's generous gift.

Old Business:

Stakeholders Meeting: Congratulations to all the members and volunteer, Dido Krikorian, for doing a great job! The meeting was a complete success.

Louise Donoghue, Kate Wigginton, and Ken Grasso met with New Jersey forester, Brian MacDonald.

Arbor Day: There will be a planting as close to Arbor Day as possible in Hobe Cat Field (The soccer field by the Catamaran Club.).

Spring Planting: Two residents have requested trees.

Tree Inventory: Kate Wigginton gave everyone in attendance a copy of a map of Atlantic Highlands for inventory purposes.

Environmental Commission: The Shade tree members will work with the Environmental Commission on certain issues. The Shade Tree Commission members have been invited to their meetings. One member will try to attend each month.

Poster Contest: Commission members chose first, second, and third place winners for the Arbor Day poster contest. Each winner, no matter which place they won, will get a card telling them that a tree will be planted in their name in a national forest. All winners will receive gift cards for a crafts store. Plus, first place winners will receive \$15.00, second place will receive \$10.00, third place will receive \$5.00. Art teacher and poster contest coordinator, Caroline Northrop, will be

given a gift card for a crafts store for \$50.00. Kate Wigginton made the motion, Ken Grasso seconded it; all in attendance agreed,

New Business:

Grants: There are a couple of grants that the Shade Tree members will look into for next year.

Growth Award: The Shade Tree Commission received the award again this year. the commission received a Tree City flag, a pin, and a certificate. A round of applause for the members who worked on the application. All the commission members thanked Bill Thorne for his hard work. He got a well deserved around of applause too.

Atlantic Highlands Street Department: The Shade Tree Commission will give the members of the Street Department a pizza party to thank them for everything they do for us. Fred Callis made the motion, Louise Donoghue seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M., Ken Grasso made the motion to adjourn, Louise Donoghue seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Montana