

**Atlantic Highlands Shade Tree Commission
Meeting February 19, 2019
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716**

In Attendance: Bill Thorne, Louise Donoghue, Fred Callis, Rich Lerner, Lori Montana
Guest: Rob Alverson

The meeting was called to order by Fred Callis at 6:34 P.M., in accordance to the Sunshine Law.

The Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on January 8, 2019 were approved. Bill Thorne made the motion, Louise Donoghue seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance: January 1, 2019- \$9,712.24

Closing Balance: February 12, 2019- \$9,712.24

The motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Louise Donoghue, seconded Rich Lerner; all in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

Tree Inventory: The goal of the Shade Tree Commission is to inventory as many trees as possible between the sidewalk and the curb, the trees on streets without sidewalks, and hazardous trees. The trees will be within five feet from the curb. Fred Callis e-mailed Rich Wolowicz of Richview to see if he is interested in completing our inventory.

Grants: Green Community Grant: The members of the commission voted in favor of applying for this grant. Fred Callis made the motion, Rich Lerner seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Community Stewardship Grant: The commission is eligible for this grant and the Green Community Grant because we submitted our list of accomplishments to the NJUCF. It was voted and approved to apply for this grant and use the money for completing our tree inventory. The motion was made by Rich Lerner, Seconded by Fred Callis; all in attendance agreed.

Environment Commission: meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Fireman's Field: This project has been tabled until a future meeting.

Arbor Day: Louise Donoghue will present her ArborDay program at the Atlantic Highlands Library. Ken Grasso will get bare roots to give out. The proclamation will be read on April 10.

Arbor Day Poster Contest: The deadline for the contest is April 9 if Caroline Northrop agrees. This date may change if Ms. Northrop feels there isn't enough time. She will be contacted.

Stakeholders Meeting: will be held on May 2 in the Atlantic Highlands Senior Citizens building. Ways to publicize the event were discussed.

New Business:

Spring Planting: the commission decided to plant a tribute tree on April 26 in honor of Peter Donoghue. The commission voted not exceed \$500.00. Rich Lerner made the motion, Fred Callis seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Public Comment: Robert Alverson would like the commission to look into planting trees on Memorial Highway/Route 36.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. Louise Donoghue made the motion to adjourn, Bill Thorne seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Montana