



*Borough of Atlantic Highlands*  
*Shade Tree Commission*



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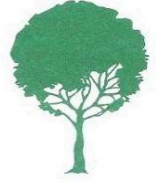
**Atlantic Highlands Shade Tree Commission (STC)**  
**Meeting at Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall**  
**October 9, 2024, 7pm**

2. The monthly began at 7:06pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act
  - a. Present: Ben Schmoll, Frank Gargione, Janet Grote (late arrival), Bill Thorne; Vito Colasurdo, (council liaisons)
  - b. Not present: Ashley Cruz, Laura Redman; James Murphy (council liaison)
  - c. Ed Kenney is removed
  
3. Minutes – no quorum so not discussed/voted on
  
4. Correspondence –
  - a. One planting request
  - b. Several removal requests
  - c. Public recreation information pamphlet (not relevant, discarded)
  
5. Treasurer's Report – no activity, unchanged
  - a. \$11,973.99 is both the opening and closing balance
  - b. Awaiting check for new year's budget
  - c. Fernbrook Farms bill received by AC (and shared with BS) for all planned tree plantings, it's around \$10k
  
7. Old Business –
  - a. Regarding planting requests, we maxed out our budget
    - i. One resident canceled their planting resulting in an extra London plane tree which we may add to South Avenue Park
  
  - b. Species list -- BT is working on it
  
  - c. Ordinance, it is introduced tomorrow, VC anticipates it will be voted through in two weeks (with some already made changes we made based on Alyson Forbes' (council member) suggestions
  
  - d. Community Forestry Plan -- BT is waiting on a sample management plan for another town from Richview Consulting; they submitted estimate and they did the AH plan for the 2015-2020; they are currently managing the conference in AC so may be a bit delayed
    - i. Hopefully this can be ready around the same time as the new master plan



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- e. Library screening of the American chestnut film -- three people from Red Bank STC along with BT (and his mother) and AC, an embarrassing turnout
  
- 8. New Business –
  - a. Watering plans for the new trees
    - i. VC will check with Jimmy Phillips/DPW about a watering schedule using the repurposed truck
      - 1. BS thinks JP was told he couldn't do this by the borough, VC will investigate the roadblock
    - ii. Can also ask boy/girl scout troops to step in; Ken Grasso may help, Mary Trank may help (she reached out to girl scouts directly last time); Ed Kenney should be willing to help as the head of a boy/cub scout troop, maybe he can organize something
    - iii. Trees will need to be watered from planting to frost and next spring/summer
  
- 7. Public comment (none)
  
- 8. Adjournment: The meeting at 7:21pm; the next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 7pm

*Items not always taken in order*