

## **ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

Minutes from the November 9, 2010 Meeting  
Held in the Conference Room of Borough Hall

Louise Donoghue called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

In attendance: Louise Donoghue, Joseph Hawley, Lois Young, Jennifer Marston, Marilyn Scherfen, Kate Wigginton and Mary Thompson

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. The Holmdel Nursery Bill is about \$2600 and 26 trees were purchased. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Marilyn Scherfen to accept the report and authorize the payment of the invoice. Joseph Hawley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Donoghue stated that Mary Thompson and Jennifer Marston were Core Trained and she had received more CEUs. The AH Commission is well over the required training threshold.

Joseph Hawley made a motion to buy lunch for the Borough workers who have been so helpful during the year. They can present the bill to the Commission for payment. Marilyn Scherfen seconded the motion and all approved the motion.

Mrs. Donoghue mentioned that Kate Wigginton suggested that we consider planting species that are more native. Discussion followed.

It was noted that a resident (Hugo Code) on Avenue D would reimburse the Commission \$300 for a planting. Mr. O'Brien on Mount Avenue requested extra trees.

The work on Second and Sixth Avenues will continue all winter.

A thank you letter from Bernard Frotton was read. He was very grateful for the tree planted in his honor.

Arbor Day 2011 was discussed. It will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a poster contest. This year, we will hold our own contest and all elementary children who live in Atlantic Highlands will be encouraged to participate. Louise Donoghue will again do a talk at the Library and tublings will be distributed. The Boy Scouts could do plantings. Participation in Earth Day was also discussed. It is on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Joseph Hawley made a motion that a tree be planted in the Harbor in honor of Helen Marchetti in the spring. Lois Young seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

It was suggested that the Commission members should think about places to plant. Louise Donoghue suggested talking to the Wachovia Bank manager. The Firemen's Field was also mentioned. Kate Wigginton's idea is to create a plan for the Field and

talk to Dave Reed as well as the Mayor and Council. The Commission should then request to be on the agenda at a Council Meeting and present the plan. We should download a "Google Earth" picture.

The Tree City application was discussed. Louise Donoghue and Mary Thompson will work on it with Kate Wigginton's input.

Louise Donoghue will talk to Adam Hubeny about a fundraising drive for plaques for memorial and honorific dedications for landscaping projects around town. It was suggested that we put a form on the website about suggestions for plantings.

Discussion took place about trees on the list that are still not trimmed or stumps that have not been removed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:48 PM by Joseph Hawley and seconded by Marilyn Scherfen. All present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Thompson