

Shade Tree Commission Meeting
May 13, 2014 7:00 PM
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

In attendance: Louise Donoghue, Mary Wall, Marilyn Scherfen, and Mary Thompson

Mrs. Donoghue opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

The Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and with the change that Regina Keelen was not in attendance that evening, a motion was made by Marilyn Scherfen, seconded by Mary Wall to accept them as written. All who had been in attendance at that meeting voted to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Thorne cannot attend the meeting. He is in the hospital. He sent a report by email. There was no change from last month. There is a balance of \$1,050.72.

Budget: The budget was briefly discussed.

Correspondence: A thank you letter from Adrianna Laborante, a first grade Arbor Day Poster Contest winner was read. Mrs. Donoghue commented that it was the first time that a thank you was ever received.

Old Business: Mrs. Donoghue reported on the award ceremonies planned for the Atlantic Highlands Elementary and Mother Theresa schools. The winners will be displayed in Henry Wolff, Esq. windows. Mr. Wolff commented that people strolling by his window stop and smile at the display. Mrs. Donoghue also mentioned that the 150 trees given to the Commission were all distributed and that Mrs. Peterite took quite a few to plant around town, mainly in the Harbor.

New Business: It was noted that the Helen Marchetti tree was not moved yet. It was suggested that it be moved opposite the Paul Boyd tree at the head of the trail. John Amici, Harbor Manager recommended that a tree be planted in the gap along the trail. The fall planting is tentatively planned for October 17th and all agreed that it should be planted in memory of Joe Hawley. Mr. Hawley loved the Kwanza Cherry Trees. A Copper Beech was also suggested. Mr. Hawley was a long time member of the Commission and was very diligent in protecting the town's trees and advocating for the planting of new ones. Marilyn Scherfen reported that between 12 trees been planted and there are 3 to go. Various species were talked about. Planting for the Belvoir property was discussed. It was suggested that tree information be distributed at the various events scheduled for downtown this summer. Mary Thompson will keep tree pamphlets at the Farmers Market.

The Forest Management Plan was discussed. Mary Thompson will follow up on a possible grant. Various prices at different nurseries were discussed. Also talked about were various tree planting requests, the slumping that occurred on the hill and the fact that the "buffer" promised by SeaStreak between their parking lot and residences has not been planted.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marilyn Scherfen and seconded by Mary Wall. All agreed and the meeting was ended.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Thompson