

Shade Tree Commission Meeting
June 9, 2015 7:00 PM
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

In attendance: Louise Donoghue, Bill Thorne, Marilyn Scherfen, Fran Hogan, Kate Wigginton and Mary Thompson.

Mrs. Donoghue opened the meeting at 7:01 PM in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

The Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Marilyn Scherfen and seconded by Bill Thorne to accept them as written. All who had been in attendance at that meeting voted in favor of acceptance.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Thorne distributed a Treasurer's Report. See attached. Discussion followed. Kate Wigginton made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Marilyn Scherfen. All voted in favor of acceptance.

Tree City Update: Mary Thompson gave an update on the Growth Award's status. She is still trying to resolve the issue.

Old Business: Marilyn Scherfen reported on the status of the tree inventory program. She requested that the members use it to become familiar with the application. Those who have entered trees reported that it is very simple and their attempts were successful. Helen Marchetti's tree has been replaced. 23 trees are on the list to be removed. Bids from Becker and Mike Flynn will be requested. Discussion followed about inspections, maintenance and removal.

New Business: Bill Thorne requested that the members "like" the STC site on Facebook. He asks that the members encourage others to do so as well.

Discussion also took place about "Tribute" trees. A draft form for tree donations was passed around to the members. It was decided that the names of donors will be listed on the website and submitted to the "Beacon." It was also decided that the donors name would be listed on the website for one year. It is assumed that their name would be published in the "Beacon" one time only. It was noted that there is a limited number of locations for such trees. It was estimated that, in the preliminary phase, there is space for 30 trees. The form for donations will be edited and distributed, along with a poster at town events and at the Farmers' Market. The title of the program will be: "Trees for Tomorrow, A Way to Celebrate, Remember and Honor." Bill Thorne created a map listing locations.

Paul Inglese of Chapel Hill Nursery suggested that Ms. Scherfen see a wholesaler that he recommends. Kate Wigginton, Louise Donoghue and Fran Hogan expressed the desire to go and see the "farm" as well. Marilyn Scherfen will make the arrangements. June 19th was suggested. Marilyn Scherfen will come up with 5 trees that are salt tolerant and not messy. Specimen trees should be included along with shade trees.

The remaining Tublings from Arbor Day will be made available at the Farmers' Market.

Discussion took place about awarding tee shirts for the poster contest winners. It is estimated it would cost about \$100 for shirts at \$8.00 each.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM by Marilyn Scherfen, seconded by Louise Donoghue and accepted by all those present.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Thompson