

Shade Tree Commission Meeting

February 14, 2017

**Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716**

In Attendance: Louise Donoghue, Richard Lerner, Fred Callis, Jason Hughes, Bill Thorne, Lori Montana

The meeting was called to order by Louise Donoghue at 7:00 P.M., in accordance to the Sunshine Law.

Mrs. Donoghue welcomed new members, Richard Lerner and Jason Hughes.

The Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on January 10, 2017 were accepted. Fred Callis made the motion, Richard Lerner seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening balance -January 10, 2017: \$6,135.51

Closing balance - February 14, 2017: \$6,135.51

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Fred Callis, seconded by Richard Lerner: all in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

Mike Scherfen did a rendering of the Mayors' Tree outside of Borough Hall. Louise Donoghue will show it to mayor and council at the meeting on March 8 and will continue the dialog about where the commission would like to plant it.

Arbor Day is April 28.

Thank you to Bill Thorne for doing an excellent job of filling out the Tree City Growth Award application.

Stakeholders meeting will be held in April. Louise Donoghue will talk to Maureen Campbell, tree expert for JCP&L, about giving a talk.

Louise Donoghue will give her presentation in the library for Arbor Day and will give out free tubelings.

New Business:

The theme of this year's poster contest (grades 1-6 at Atlantic Highlands Elementary School) will be, "Trees, Strong Against the Storm." Caroline Northrop, art teacher at AHES, will partner with the Shade Tree Commission for this project.

CORE Training: Fred Callis will sign up for the session on April 8.

Mayors' Tree: \$500 is the maximum that will be spent. Bill Thorne made the motion, seconded by Jason Hughes: all in attendance agreed.

Tree Inventory: Will begin again in the spring

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M., Bill Thorne made the motion to adjourn, Jason Hughes seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Montana