

Atlantic Highlands Shade Tree Commission
Meeting November 13, 2018
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

In Attendance: Bill Thorne, Ken Grasso, Fred Callis, Rich Lerner, Louise Donoghue, Lori Montana

The meeting was called to order by Ken Grasso at 6:35 P.M., in accordance to the Sunshine Law.

The Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on October 9, 2018 were accepted as amended. Rich Lerner made the motion, Fred Callis seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance: October 10, 2018- \$16,791.14

Closing Balance: November 13, 2018- \$14,877.24

The motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Louise Donoghue, seconded Ken Grasso; all in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

Touch a Truck: The Shade Tree Commission had a presence at this event. Kate Wigginton and Ken Grasso had a table with tree literature on it and they answered questions. They collected \$21.00 in donations

Plantings: The commission discussed the trees that have been planted recently and decided to look into nurseries and vendors that have not been used before.

Two vendors were contacted and asked to submit proposals for the Fireman's Field planting.

Grants: The commission is starting to talk about a new five year management plan. 2019 is the last year for the current plan.

Green Community is a grant worth looking into. Applicants can submit apply anytime.

Tree Inventory: The commission decided to continue using Richview for inventorying trees.

Environment Commission: Ken Grasso will attend their next meeting. Bill Thorne gave Jim Krause a PDF our the Shade Tree's inventory.

New Business:

Trimming Trees: Hufnagel gave the commission an estimate for trimming the trees on First Avenue. They will charge us \$1,300.00. Discussion of approaching a business or some businesses on First to help pay for trees was tabled. A motion was made to spend up to \$1,300,00 to trim the trees on First Avenue. Ken Grasso made the motion, Rich Lerner seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Hennessey Blvd: Hufnagel told members of the commission that all the trees on Hennessey Blvd are distressed. He suggested wrapping them. The commission feels it can wrap the trees themselves and there's no need to hire someone to do it. Members will look into the material that should be used and how do it.

Sycamores on First Avenue: The Sycamores are distressed. The discussion about who will be contacted and possible solutions was tabled until the spring.

Tubelings and Saplings: Orders will be placed for both.

Meeting in December: The commission decided not to meet in December. The motion was made by Louise Donoghue, seconded by Ken Grasso; all in attendance agreed.

Arbor Day Poster Contest: The theme for the poster contest in 2019 will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M. Rich Lerner made the motion to adjourn, Louise Donoghue seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Montana