

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION– TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN**

**December 1, 2016**

**OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY**

The Regular Meeting was held in the Second Floor, West Wing Conference Room, Town Hall, 399 Monmouth Road Oakhurst, NJ 07755 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Chairwoman Von Gerichten  
Member(s) Pogwist, Colten, Kleim, Johnson  
Alternate(s) Gordon  
Associate(s) Lutz,

**Absent:** Member(s)  
Alternate(s)  
Associate(s) Gulick, Rogoff

**Others:** Laura Dorony, Secretary  
Jack Kearns, Resident

**Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Law:**

Laurel Von Gerichten announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Notice was sent to the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster, posted in Town Hall and filed in the office of the Township Clerk on June 3, 2016.

**REVIEW:**

1. December 1, 2016 minutes
2. Agenda
3. Budget – No Updates
4. Correspondence – None

A motion to adopt the November 10, 2016 minutes was made by Ray Pogwist and seconded by Moshe Gordon

In Favor: Von Gerichten, Pogwist, Colten, Johnson, Kleim  
Opposed: None  
Ineligible: Lutz  
Absent: Rogoff

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **Website and Links:**

Chairwoman Laurel Von Gerichten asked the Shade Tree Commission what the website should look like, and what should the landing page contain. Moshe Gordon suggested the first page contain the charter of the commission, why the STC meets and what are the goals of the commission. Other topics such as the accomplishments of the STC, information regarding the tree canopy, and the benefits of trees were also proposed. Associate Ken Lutz would like the web page to be short and provide valuable information, and include links to leaf disposal, tree care, planting, and pruning. There was also a suggestion to look at the County and State Shade Tree Commission web sites to compare.

### **Community Outreach:**

The STC would like to raise awareness on how residents can improve our town. Some future topics for the program are Emerald Ash Borer, and how to safely feed lawns. The STC is going to contact Donna Mazza from the Shade Tree Federation and ask for suggestions. The STC will target a late winter-early spring date for this event. It will take place at the Township Library.

### **Tree Give away:**

Last year residents received more than 270 trees from the giveaway on April 16 and the Green Fair on April 23. The STC is planning another give away for 2017.

### **1406 Woodlock tree removal:**

The STC will ask Kevin Thompson of the Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission to look at the trees at 1406 Woodlock and evaluate their impact on the sidewalk.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Dorony  
Secretary