

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

**February 4, 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:** Member(s) Von Gerichten, Pogwist, Johnson  
Alternate(s) Gordon  
Associate(s) Lutz

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

**Others:** Kate Maloney, 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 8, 2014.

**REVIEW:**

1. January 7, 2016 minutes
2. Agenda
3. Budget – No Updates
4. Correspondence – Membership dues – ST Fed.

A motion to adopt the January 7, 2016 minutes was made by Ray Pogwist and seconded by Mary Johnson.

In Favor: Von Gerichten, Pogwist, Johnson, Gordon  
Opposed: None  
Ineligible: Lutz  
Absent: Colten, Kliem, Rogoff, Gulick

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **Members' CFMP Assignments - Timeline**

- **Tree Related Ordinances – Ray**  
Member Ray Pogwist stated he was still working on his portion of the Community Forestry Management Plan.
- **Increase Forest Canopy –**  
Chairwoman Von Gerichten explained to members that this portion of the CFMP will be addressed with the tree sale in the spring.
- **Strengthen the Presence of the STC on Township Website – Norman**  
Member Norman Colten was absent from the meeting.
- **Improve Communication between STC & Township – Laurel**  
Chairwoman Von Gerichten stated that she will be meeting with the Township Mayor to work on putting any new announcements, activities, events, and now Facebook page on the Township website in order to keep residents informed and updated.
- **Increase Community Outreach – Mary**  
Member Mary Johnson presented to members her newly created “Township of Ocean Shade Tree Commission” Facebook page. She also explained to members that she sent out notice to local newspapers and The Today Paper published the announcement. Johnson will be working with Alternate Moshe Gordon to have the link to the Facebook page posted on the Shade Tree Commission’s section on the Township website. Chairwoman Laurel Von Gerichten suggested that the Commission look into having guest speakers; possibly at the Green Fair, to present to residents on topics such as tree planting and care & maintenance of trees. Member Ray Pogwist stated he will look into contacting speakers that the Commission previously used.
- **Evaluate Current Hazard Tree Inventory – Hank**  
Member Hank Kliem was absent from the meeting.

### **Arbor Day Tree Seedling Give-Away**

Laurel Von Gerichten informed members that she contacted the local elementary schools to get a total number of third graders; Wayside: 104, Wanamassa: 62, Oakhurst: 72, Hillel Yeshiva: 55, Yeshiva: 80, Search Day: 8, totaling: 378. She went on to state that the Arbor Day seedlings have been ordered; 4 bundles of 98 seedlings each totaling 392 seedlings.

### **Tree Give-Away Update**

Chairwoman Von Gerichten informed members that 700 bare root trees have now been ordered for the Spring Giveaway; 200 Eastern Redbuds, 100 Red Maples, 100 Northern Red Oak, 100 Swamp White Oak, 100 Arrowwood Viburnum, and 100 Eastern Red Cedar. She explained that the Township Garden Club will volunteer to help separate the bundles into groups of the same species. The pickup

date for the trees is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>, the date to help separate will be April 11<sup>th</sup>, and the date of the sale will be April 16<sup>th</sup>. Von Gerichten will check with the Township Dept of Public Works to see if they will be able to store the bare root trees until the sale. Members discussed how the trees will be stored; in individual plastic bags with damp newspapers or in plastic bins in groups with damp newspapers. Von Gerichten stated she will call the nursery to find out the size of the roots and make the decision based on that. Von Gerichten also explained that the deer protection would be too expensive to order and hopes to find better alternatives.

**Hazard Tree Survey Notifications**

Secretary Kate Maloney informed the Commission that all notifications have now been sent out to residents in Quadrant II. She explained that she did receive responses from many property owners, but a few went unanswered. Chairwoman Von Gerichten will meet with Township Manager and Director of Code Enforcement to determine the next course of action to ensure that action has been taken.

**BUDGET:**

**CONCERNS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Maloney  
Secretary