

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

**June 2, 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) Johnson  
Alternate(s) Gordon  
Associate(s) Lutz

**Absent:** Member(s) Pogwist, 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. May 5, 2016 minutes
2. Agenda
3. Budget – No Updates
4. Correspondence – None

A motion to adopt the May 5, 2016 minutes was made by Moshe Gordon and seconded by Mary Johnson

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

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **Osage Orange Trees - Ray**

Laurel Von Gerichten announced to members that member Ray Pogwist received a multitude of Osage Orange tree seedlings and would like the Commission's opinion on where to plant them. Members reviewed the description as well as any potential benefits to the species being planted in the Township. Due to the chairman's absence, the Commission agreed that more information would be needed in order to make a decision.

### **Meeting Dates**

Kate Maloney; secretary, proposed new meeting dates for the upcoming year. The members agreed on the following dates:

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| July 7, 2016      | January 5, 2017  |
| Cancelled         | February 2, 2017 |
| September 1, 2016 | March 2, 2017    |
| October 6, 2016   | April 6, 2017    |
| November 10, 2016 | May 4, 2017      |
| December 1, 2016  | June 1, 2017     |

The dates will be posted on the township's website. If any scheduling conflicts occur, dates may be changed.

### **Hazardous Tree Inventory – Follow Up**

Secretary Kate Maloney informed members that she will be sending out follow up notices to the Hazardous Tree Inventory letters that were sent out at the end of 2015. The notice will give a brief description of what needs to be done and a 30 day time frame to contact the Township and advise what has been done or not done.

### **CFMP Assignments**

- **Tree Related Ordinances – Ray**  
Member Ray Pogwist was absent from the meeting.
- **Increase Forest Canopy –**  
Chairwoman Von Gerichten posed the question to members as to whether the Commission should have another tree sale / giveaway for next year in order to keep increasing the Township Canopy.
- **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 looking into the possibility for the Commission to use portions of the Shade Tree Fund to purchase more trees to plant around the Township, to cover expenses for the care of those trees for their entire life cycle, and to cover the costs of educating DPW employees on proper tree care and vine removal. She stated she will meet with the Township Manager to discuss.

- Increase Community Outreach – Mary

Member Mary Johnson presented to the Commission a list of possible informative programs for Township residents. One possible program would be on “Ultimate Recycling” that could potentially be hosted at the White House on Monmouth Road. It could include Terracycling, ‘reduce, reuse, recycle’, and composting. She went on to state that she will look for volunteers to help present these topics.

- Evaluate Current Hazard Tree Inventory – Hank

Member Hank Kliem was absent from the meeting.

**BUDGET:**

**CONCERNS:**

Laurel Von Gerichten informed the Commission that the Township has requested the Shade Tree Commission inspect a dying tree at the property at 1414 Edgewood Road. She asked if anyone would like to join her on the inspection. Mary Johnson volunteered.

Member Mary Johnson brought to the attention of the Commission the letters urging not to pass Assembly Bill 2242: Vegetation Management Response Act. The letters were sent to Assembly members Downey and Houghtaling as well as Senator Beck. However, associate Stephen Gaudette stated that a vote should have been made before any letters were sent.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Maloney

Secretary