

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

**May 5, 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, Kliem, Johnson  
Alternate(s)  
Associate(s)

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

**Others:** Kate Maloney, Secretary  
Denise Buckley, 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. April 7, 2016 minutes
2. Agenda
3. Budget – No Updates
4. Correspondence – None

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

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

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **Asbury Circle Tree Cutting**

Member Ray Pogwist informed the Commission that over this past weekend workers from the NJ DOP along with a licensed horticulturalist examined the trees on the Asbury Circle and deemed them diseased and had them removed. Pogwist stated that the majority of the trees removed were mostly Evergreens and Oaks. Because the location of the trees was on state land, the adjoining towns did not need to be notified and therefore were not. Pogwist went on to say that the disease that was claimed is Bacterial Leaf Scorch which does not kill trees. He explained that it occurs in an early, wet Spring and that it only effects the leaves. The tree is no longer affected by the disease once the leaves fall off in the Fall. He further explained that if there was any sign of tree rot, they would've had to have taken a sample and had it analyzed before any cuttings could occur which he believes did not happen.

### **Spring Tree Giveaway**

Chairwoman Von Gerichten explained to members that the Spring Tree Giveaway went very well. She stated that more residents chose the larger tree species this year as opposed to last year due to the fact that the species offered were native to this area as well as positive and beneficial descriptions about each species. She went on to state that because of the face to face interactions between residents and the Shade Tree Commission, volunteers were able to give out helpful tips for tree maintenance as well as more information about the Commission. Member Hank Kliem explained that the leftover trees will be planted by the DPW. Members discussed the possibility of following up with residents from last year's tree sale and the tree giveaway to see how the trees are doing.

### **Arbor Day Seedling Giveaway**

Laurel Von Gerichten explained to the Commission that due to a clerical error on the Nursery's end, the seedlings that were ordered did not arrive on time for Arbor Day. She explained that she will deliver the seedlings to the Yeshiva on Deal, Wayside, Dow Ave, and Wanamassa Elementary Schools. Member Ray Pogwist volunteered to distribute the rest to Search Day, Schroth, and Yeshiva on the Jersey Shore Elementary Schools. Von Gerichten asked for more volunteers for next years' seedling giveaway in order to have the process go more smoothly.

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

Chairwoman Von Gerichten explained that follow up to the Hazardous Tree Inventory Letters still need to occur. She will meet with Township Manager to discuss how best to go about it. Member Ray Pogwist suggested contacting the Mayor for a more speedy answer. Von Gerichten will follow up with his secretary to set up a meeting.

**BUDGET:**

**CONCERNS:**

**ADJOURMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Maloney

Secretary