

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

September 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, Johnson
Alternate(s) Gordon
Associate(s) Lutz

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

Others: Laura Dorony, Secretary
Jack Kearns, Resident
Devin Goldman, 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. July 7, 2016 minutes
2. Agenda
3. Budget – No Updates
4. Correspondence – None

A motion to adopt the July 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: Kliem, Colten, Rogoff, Gulick

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Shade Tree Federation Conference – AC Oct 28th-29th

The Shade tree would like to send members to the conference to receive credits for training. There are 8 more credits necessary. Chairperson Laurel asked the members to look over what was being offered. There are various informative programs regarding tree health and tree issues.

Township Calendar Input

The Shade Tree Members felt the current calendar page was not very interesting. They are looking for a canopy picture and an action picture to put on the page. Possibly a picture, including the tree give away. The page should also continue to give information about the meetings. It was also suggested to have bullet points providing information about tree benefits, and also accomplishments of The Shade Tree Commission. An example was the Going Green Series, also replacing the trees we have lost, and encourage residents to pick up seedlings when available. It was also suggested to use bold headlines. The deadline is Sept. 9, 2016.

2017 Budget

The members reviewed the budget for 2016 in order to finalize the proposed 2017 budget. The following was decided:

Shade Tree Federation Conference: \$500
Workshops: \$500
Arbor Day Seedlings: \$100
Memberships-NJ Tree Federation: \$150 (confirmed with S.T. Fed)
Hazardous Tree Inventory 2nd quadrant: \$2500
Total: \$3,750

This figure is \$1,750 over last year's budget.

A motion to approve the proposed 2017 budget was made by Laurel Von Gerichten and seconded by Ray Pogwist

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

Community Outreach – EC Involvement

Shade Tree members are looking to hire speakers for community outreach. Mary will see what programs people are more interested in and makes notes. Going Green seems to be very successful (Adrienne was very helpful in getting the word

out.) The Shade Tree Commission also would like to develop an e-mail list to inform people of future meetings and encourage people to join.

Hazardous Tree Inventory

Chairperson Laurel does not feel there have been enough replies to the letters that were sent out regarding damaged trees. The 1st quadrant took more time than expected, but the process of conducting a hazardous tree inventory was informative. The plan is to move ahead with the 2nd quadrant (\$2,500) and have Code-Enforcement follow up.

Website Presence

The Shade Tree Commission has its own web page, members feel they need to work on the content and provide links. Moshe and Norm were working on that.

BUDGET:

CONCERNS:

Member Ray Pogwist would like to get the approval for Denise Buckley to move ahead with trimming trees in Palaia Park. Denise has been working with an Arborist in Eatontown. The Shade Tree members were concerned if there needs to be supervision. Ray stated he is going to advise Denise to go ahead. Her main goal is to care for and enjoy the trees in the park.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Dorony
Secretary