

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

June 6, 2013

OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY

The Regular Meeting was held in the Manager's Conference room, Town Hall, 399 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairwoman Von Gerichten
Member(s) Pogwist, Blejwas
Alternate Gordon

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

Others: Amanda Norakus, Secretary

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 25, 2012.

A motion to adopt the May 2, 2013 minutes was made by Ray Pogwist and seconded by Laurel Von Gerichten.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

2013 – 2014 Meeting Dates

The members discussed dates for the upcoming year. It was decided to host meetings on the first Thursday of each month, unless there was a holiday conflict. Secretary, Amanda Norakus, will satisfy the necessary requirements by filing the list with the Township Clerk, posting in Town Hall, and sending the notice to Asbury Park Press and The Coaster.

Therefore, the dates will be as follows:

July 11, 2013	January 2, 2014
August 1, 2013	February 6, 2014
September 12, 2013	March 6, 2014
October 3, 2013	April 3, 2014
November 7, 2013	May 1, 2014
December 5, 2013	June 12, 2014

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Tree inventory: company recommendation

Clark Williams, of Focus on Training USA LLC, and the commission discussed details of the hazard tree inventory. Specifics of the inventory were clarified such as what a ROW tree is qualified as, what hazard criteria will be identified, and how the data will be notated.

Once Mr. Williams was dismissed from the meeting, the commission discussed their proposal. The commission commented on their recommendations and decided to have the certified tree expert on Clark Williams' staff conduct the inventory. Laurel Von Gerichten made a motion to recommend Focus on Training USA LLC to council for the hazard tree inventory on one quadrant.

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

Green Communities Grant

There was an award of (\$2,000) received to create next version of Community Forestry Management Plan. Secretary, Amanda Norakus, will copy the current plan and forward it on to Paul Blejwas for review.

Dallas Grove grove – Palaia Park

The commission discussed proposing the entire grove be dedicated for Dallas, but to not fully plant the area. The grove would be left with available spaces for future tributes, memorials, and dedications.

Increase the Canopy Items

The commission discussed the increase the canopy program. The members proposed the township would advertise the program. Next, when interested parties come forth the Shade Tree Commission would create a site plan for what type of

tree, size, spacing, etc would be planted. The Shade Tree Commission would request someone to lead, run, and up keep the newly planted site. The township would order the trees, set a delivery date, and then notify the lead volunteers to begin the planting process. The members agreed this was a reasonable approach to propose. Ray Pogwist made a motion to accept the proposal for the increase of the canopy items and seconded by Moshe Gordon.

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

Recommendations for replanting:

Members conducted site visits at the following location to determine recommendations.

Dahrouge Park:

The recommendation was set to not use any herbicides on the area, but to instead continue to cut down all invasive growths. It was recommended to plant an eight foot tree to begin the process of rehabilitation to the area.

Township owned land behind and SW of Ellen Court:

It was proposed the area be cleared of downed trees. Native saplings would be planted with deer protection.

Trees planted at the SE intersection of Deal Road and Rt. 35:

There was an exceptional amount of downed and damaged trees and branches in this area. It was recommended the area be cleared of limbs due to fire risk. In addition, saplings would be hand planted with the protection of deer fencing after the cleaning occurred.

Ray Pogwist made a motion to propose these recommendations and it was seconded by Paul Blejwas.

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

Concerns:

Ray Pogwist presented his concern of tree removal on Logan Road. He proposed the Shade Tree Commission is notified when plans are being implemented for tree removals.

Seeing there were no additional comments, a motion to adjourn was made by Paul Blejwas; it was seconded by Ray Pogwist. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Norakus
Secretary