

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

**December 4, 2014**

**OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY**

The Regular Meeting was held in the Turner House Conference Room, Ocean Township Library, 701 Deal Road, Ocean Township, NJ 07712 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Chairwoman Von Gerichten  
Member(s) Pogwist, Colten, Kliem, Johnson  
Alternate(s) Gordon  
Associate(s) Lutz, Boyce, Gaudette

**Absent:** Member(s)  
Associate(s) Rogoff, Gulick

**Others:** Kate Maloney, 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 May 2, 2014.

**REVIEW:**

1. November 6, 2014 minutes
2. Agenda
3. Budget – No Updates
4. Correspondence – None

A motion to adopt the November 6, 2014 minutes was made by Ray Pogwist and seconded by Moshe Gordon.

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

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **Shade Tree Federation**

Member, Moshe Gordon, discussed the Shade Tree Federation Conference with the Commission. One topic was the Emerald Ash Borer, a beetle that travels along with firewood bundles and infests other trees. South Jersey is mostly affected by this infestation, but it could migrate north. Other topics that were discussed were proper ways to prune trees and Rutgers' experiment with vegetation (trees & shrubs) that can grow properly in brown lands (areas declared poisonous/ toxic land fills) in order to create a larger canopy.

### **Tree Sale Plan**

Members discussed the plans for the Tree Sale and decided that Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> would be the date of the sale in order for residents to pick up and plant trees in time for Arbor Day. Laurel Von Gerichten explained we would be ordering approximately 265, 2-gal trees from either Fern Brook Nursery or Pinelands Nursery. Members also discussed the possible location of the sale; Joe Palaia Park, Recycling Center, or Dow Avenue Elementary School. Member Hank Kliem and Director of Public Works, Tom Crochet, agreed they would find the best location. Member, Ray Pogwist, agreed to contact the local newspapers; local radio stations; and the Township for their websites, Facebook, Twitter, and message boards for advertising of the Sale. Members discussed when advertisements should be posted and agreed that a 'save the date' should be posted on the Township's website and Facebook after the New Year and advertisements submitted for February 16<sup>th</sup>, Washington's Birthday. Chairwoman Von Gerichten reviewed the sale's description flyer and member, Mary Johnson, offered to work on modifying the flyer to attract Township residents. Members also discussed the tree species list and order forms and agreed that both should be posted to the township website for residents to review and complete their order. The Tree Sale discussion was tabled for next month's meeting due to time.

### **Logan Road**

Tom Crochet, Director of Public Works, explained to members that the sidewalk on Logan Road near Brower Blvd was missing due to Holly Trees growing in the Right of Way. The Township decided that the trees need to either be moved or completely removed. He explained that the Township would prefer not to remove the trees because they were still healthy and Crochet asked for members to inspect the trees and see if moving the trees was a viable option. Members Ray Pogwist and Norman Colten agreed to look at the site and offer opinions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Maloney  
Secretary