

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

May 1, 2014

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, Colten,
Alternate(s) Johnson, Gordon
Associate(s) Lutz, Strobel

Absent: Member(s) Kliem, Blejwas
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 June 7, 2013.

REVIEW:

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

A motion to adopt the April 4, 2014 minutes was made by Ray Pogwist and seconded by Mary Johnson.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Tree Giveaway at BJ's Report

Laurel Von Gerichten announced that the April 5th tree giveaway went very well and that all 2500 seedlings were taken. Signs were posted by Von Gerichten and Norman Colten throughout the town describing the event. The Shade Tree Commission also had help from the Garden Club during the event.

Status of Old Oak Park

Laurel Von Gerichten explained that Hank Kliem is in charge of this project, but due to his absence, this would be discussed at next month's meeting.

Status of Tree Order for Arbor Day at the Elementary Schools

Laurel Von Gerichten discussed the Arbor Day tubling giveaway for the three elementary schools; Ocean Twp Elementary, Wanamassa Elementary, and Wayside Elementary. Mary Johnson, Norman Colten, and Laurel Von Gerichten distributed the tublings to these schools on Arbor Day. The Douglas Fur tublings that had been ordered for giveaway at the Green Fair are being held by Laurel at her house outside until June 14, at which date they will be transferred to Ray Pogwist who will arrange to disperse them to the Green Fair attendees.

Meeting Dates

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

July 10 th 2014	January 8 th 2015
August 7 th 2014	February 5 th 2015
September 4 th 2014	March 5 th 2015
October 2 nd 2014	April 2 nd 2015
November 6 th 2014	May 7 th 2015
December 4 th 2014	June 4 th 2015

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

Tree Sale Planning for Spring 2015

The members reviewed the possible tree species that may be used for the next tree sale in 2015. Laurel Von Gerichten explained that the order should be placed this summer in order to receive the bare –root stock for next spring. The order may be placed with the Bailey's Nursery in Minnesota. She also explained that there will be 3 zones for the trees to be planted based on the height of the trees and the location of power lines and utility poles. Members chose the following trees for the following zones:

- Zone 1: Amrlanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance'
- Carpinus caroliniana
- Cercis Canadensis

Cornus x Venus
Malus 'Adams'
Malus 'Donald Wyman'
Zone 2: Acer rubrum 'Sun Valley'
Ostrya virginiana
Zone 3: Acer rubrum 'Burgundy Belle'
Acer rubrum 'Red Sunset'
Betula nigra 'Heritage'
Quercus bicolor
Quercus palustris
Tilia Americana 'American Sentry'
Tilia Americana 'Redmond'

Community Forestry Management Plan: Decision Matrix

The members reviewed the proposed decision matrix for the Community Forestry Management plan. Due to time, however, the subject was tabled until next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Maloney
Secretary