

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

November 6, 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, Kliem, Johnson
Alternate(s) Gordon
Associate(s) Lutz, Boyce, Gaudette

Absent: Member(s) Colten
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. October 2, 2014 minutes
2. Agenda
3. Budget – No Updates
4. Correspondence – None

A motion to adopt the October 2, 2014 minutes was made by Ray Pogwist and seconded by Hank Kliem.

In Favor: Pogwist, Von Gerichten, Gordon, Kliem, Lutz, Johnson, Boyce, Gaudette

Opposed: None

Ineligible: None

Absent: Rogoff, Gulick, Colten

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Tree Sale Plan

Laurel Von Gerichten explained that the goal of this program is to increase the township's canopy. Each tree would be sold to residents at the full price of \$9 and profits would be used to purchase fencing and deer protection for the trees. Von Gerichten presented a rough overview of the roles and responsibilities for members before, during, and after the sale. It was decided that Ray Pogwist and Moshe Gordon would be responsible for advertising. Moshe Gordon would also help with information gathering. Hank Kliem, Mary Johnson, and Laurel Von Gerichten would handle the training portion. Kliem would also help with ordering and arranging pick up with the Dept of Public Works. Maggie Boyce would be responsible for the tree pick up day for residents as well as the follow up results. Members also reviewed the tree options for the sale and agreed on *Cercis canadensis* (eastern redbud), *Cornus florida* (dogwood), and *Magnolia virginiana* (swamp magnolia) for small trees; *Acer rubrum* (red maple), *Celtis occidentalis* (hackberry), and *Nyssa sylvatica* (black gum) for medium trees; and *Quercus bicolor* (swamp white oak), *Quercus palustris* (pin oak), *Quercus phellos* (willow oak), and *Taxodium disticum* (bald cypress) for large trees. The members would consider keeping *Betula nigra* (river birch) if it could be ordered as a single stem. Moshe Gordon suggested there be pictures to help residents request the best tree and members agreed the tree list would have the common names of all trees, a description, and a picture. Hank Kliem also suggested that the training session occur the day of the pick up to help residents with planting information as well as maintenance and protection. Mary Johnson suggested that when gathering participating residents' information, to ask them where they plan to plant the tree (i.e. in the shade or sun, in the Right of Way, or if there are utility wires overhead) and to direct them to the most appropriate species.

Shade Tree Federation Conference

Due to time, this item was tabled until next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Maloney
Secretary