

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

December 3, 2015

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: Member(s) Pogwist, Colten, Kliem, Johnson
Alternate(s)
Associate(s) Lutz

Absent: Chairwoman Von Gerichten
Member(s)
Alternate(s) Boyce, Gordon
Associate(s) Rogoff, Gulick

Others: Kate Maloney, Secretary
Tom Crochet, Director of Public Works

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Law:

Ray Pogwist, substituting as chairperson for 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 8, 2014.

REVIEW:

1. November 5, 2015 minutes
2. Agenda
3. Budget – No Updates
4. Correspondence – None

A motion to adopt the November 5, 2015 minutes was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Norman Colten

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Hazardous Tree Inventory Letter

Member Mary Johnson reviewed the inspections done by herself, Chairwoman Von Gerichten, and Alternate Maggie Boyce on certain properties that requested assistance in identifying the trees on the Hazardous Tree Letters. She explained that on most properties they were able to identify the trees as well as their defects. However, some were more difficult to recognize and would require further assistance from Township Certified Tree Expert.

Members' CFMP Assignments

- **Tree Related Ordinances – Ray**

Member Ray Pogwist stated he was still working on his portion. He is looking to strengthen communication between the Township and the Commission for instances of multiple tree removals. He inquired to see if there are instances of tree replacement plans on Township property when tree removals occur. He will look to see if the Commission can be notified whenever trees are to be removed on Township property in order to give an evaluation and a recommendation of replacement. Associate Ken Lutz suggested that the replacements be put in different areas of town instead of the same area where a tree is removed in order to increase the canopy in other areas.

- **Increase Forest Canopy – Maggie**

Alternate Maggie Boyce was absent from the meeting.

- **Strengthen the Presence of the STC on Township Website – Norman**

Member Norman Colten explained to the Commission that he is still working on his portion of the CFMP. He is continuing to work with the Township for a stronger presence on the website.

- **Improve Communication between STC & Township – Laurel**

Chairwoman Von Gerichten was absent from the meeting.

- **Increase Community Outreach – Mary**

Member Mary Johnson stated she was still working on her assignment. She explained she is looking to have more articles posted in local newspapers as well as on the Township website. Johnson further explained that she will look to post an article about how to properly care for trees with the idea that 'trees are good to us so we need to be good to trees'.

- **Evaluate Current Hazard Tree Inventory – Hank**

Member Hank Kliem advised he was still working on his portion.

Holiday Party

Members discussed the possibility of having a Commission Holiday Party before the end of the month. They all agreed that it will be held on December 17th at

local restaurant, Babur Gardens. The party will start at 6 pm and spouses and friends are welcome.

CONCERNS:

Member Hank Klein brought to the attention of the Commission a dangerous large tree by Monmouth Road and Laurel Avenue. He stated the large branches are hanging over the road as well. He will contact the county as it is on a county road.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Maloney
Secretary