

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

**July 2, 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:** Chairwoman Von Gerichten  
Member(s) Pogwist, Colten, Johnson  
Alternate(s) Boyce, Gordon  
Associate(s)

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

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

**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 8, 2014.

**REVIEW:**

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

| A motion to adopt the June 4, 2015 minutes was made by Ray Pogwist and seconded by Maggie Boyce. Formatted: Indent: First line: 0"

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

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **CFMP Goals & Objectives Update**

Laurel Von Gerichten requested updated information from members on the assignments that were distributed last meeting from the Community Forestry Management Plan's Goals & Objectives. It is as follows:

- **Tree Related Ordinances – Ray**  
Member Pogwist explained that he reviewed the non-residential tree ordinances. He stated that he reviewed one section of that ordinance that states for the Township Right of Way, a tree must be planted every 40 feet for non residential areas. Pogwist suggested that the Township could plant the trees diagonally as opposed to a straight line in order to plant more trees. However, member Norman Colten explained that while other towns may use that strategy, it may not work for this township and the type of trees that are planted; some trees require a certain distant apart in order to grow. Pogwist went on to explain that he will review the Township's tree ordinances for residential areas for the next meeting. Laurel Von Gerichten suggested he look into any ordinances that restrict planting in the Right of Way. If there is not, the Commission could look into recommending it for the future.
- **Increase Forest Canopy – Maggie**  
Alternate Maggie Boyce explained to members that she is still looking into her assignment. She will be working with Tom Crochet of the DPW to review all areas of Township property. She will also be working with him about the removal of vines at Joe Palaia Park and the education for the DPW workers to properly remove them. Boyce went on to explain that she will look to encourage residents to plant more and to promote education on what to plant & where. Chairwoman Von Gerichten suggested that she work with member Mary Johnson for the Community Outreach.
- **Strengthen the Presence of the STC on Township Website – Norman**  
Member Norman Colten explained to members that he is still looking into his portion of the CFMP Goals & Objectives. He stated that he will have more information for the Commission at next month's meeting.
- **Improve Communication between STC & Township – Laurel**  
Chairwoman Von Gerichten explained that she has no had any contact with the Township in regards to any tree removals. She stated that she will be on vacation and asked the Commission for volunteers if any tree removal inspections would need to take place. Member Ray Pogwist volunteered. Von Gerichten went on to explain to members that she will look to speak with Director of Community Development; Marianne Wilensky, to discuss the possibility of emailing tree removal inspections to all members.
- **Increase Community Outreach – Mary**

Member Mary Johnson explained to the Commission that she has been in contact with the Shade Tree Federation and was granted permission to reprint articles from their weekly printings as long as they're correctly cited. She will look into posting the reprint articles to local newspaper to provide educational information to residents. She hopes that these articles will go on the Commission's website when it is fully up and running.

- Evaluate Current Hazard Tree Inventory – Hank

Due to his absence, this topic has been tabled for next month's meeting.

### **Hazard Tree Inventory Letter Update**

Chairwoman Von Gerichten explained to members that the Hazard Tree Inventory letter to residents is at a stand still as of now. She will meet with the Township Manager to discuss the matter.

### **CONCERNS:**

Laurel Von Gerichten explained to the members that the Shade Tree Federation will be holding their Annual Conference on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Any members interested in attending should contact her.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Maloney  
Secretary