

# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)  
Saturday, October 9, 2010  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson  
Dianne Crilly  
Ellen Preissler  
Steve Skop  
Dawn Walsh  
Don Burden (Council Liaison)

### Absent

Miles Svikhart  
Kathy Wilson  
Hermann Allen, Environmental Commission

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Chairman Schmaltz began the meeting at 8:43 a.m. by reading the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Presiding Officer's statement in compliance with the P. L. 1975 c. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act. Roll call was taken by secretary, Susan Milnes.

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST'S MEETING

Mrs. Crilly made a motion to approve August's meeting minutes. Mrs. Preissler seconded motion.

### II. CORRESPONDANCE

- Mrs. Schmaltz shared several articles about tree news from the surrounding communities of Fair Haven, Atlantic Highlands and Millstone. Halka Nursery in Millstone is growing 400 swamp white oaks in preparation for planting at WTC Memorial.
- Robin Blair, member of Shrewsbury's Garden Club and Environmental Commission e-mailed Mrs. Schmaltz asking for STC's involvement in Garden Club's Rain Barrel Initiative. Ms. Blair would like suggestions on where rain barrel can be placed at Municipal Complex.
- Mrs. Schmaltz also received letter from Jill Gwydir, EC Chair, regarding Sustainable New Jersey. Mrs. Schmaltz attended kick-off meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. She then went on Sustainable NJ website and learned significant points can be earned with a tree management plan. This is even more of an incentive to get our Certified Forestry Management Plan up and running.

- Recent edition of newsletter did not have room for link to Rutgers Tree Care section. Mrs. Schmaltz will reach out to Izzy Grieco, boro website coordinator to have it put on STC page. STC must prepare blurb on main page of website directing readers to STC's own page. Arbor Day Foundation also has a website on landscaping, which will be included on STC webpage. Fact sheets will be displayed near Clerk's Office at Boro Hall to supplement information on webpage.

### **III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Annual NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference** – Mrs. Schmaltz is planning on attending October 22<sup>nd</sup> session and encourages STC members to join her either on Friday or go on their own on Saturday. Registration and mileage to Cherry Hill will be reimbursed by boro. To date, STC has not earned any CEU's although our core training requirements have been met. Mr. Skop expressed interest in attending Friday session and will coordinate carpooling with Mrs. Schmaltz.
- B. Tree List Request** – To date, trees have been requested for residents on Williamsburg Dr., Shadowbrook Rd., and West End Ave. Trees are being considered for base of Obre Place although careful thought must be given since snow is deposited there during plowing.
- Mrs. Wilson reports unhealthy trees are still standing on Garden Rd. (Dr. Whalen's property). Nancy will follow-up with Code Enforcement Officer about prior request to have homeowner remove trees.
- Mr. Skop reports two tree issues on Borden St., north. He will speak with Frank Clark (DPW) for determination of whether trees are in boro right-of-way.

### **IV. SITE PLAN REVIE**

- A. Qdoba Restaurant (Shrewsbury Plaza)** – Mrs. Walsh reports landscaping has begun which is concerning to STC since final approval has not been given. STC is pleased to see their initial suggestions being incorporated into landscape plans. Before giving final approval, STC would like to see row of Bradford pears which flank main entrance replaced since they look aged and unhealthy. Mrs. Schmaltz will ask ZB secretary when trees were planted and then write approval letter with request to remove line of trees and replace with a heartier type.
- B. Staples Plaza** – Mrs. Schmaltz sent letter to ZB secretary on 8/17/10 regarding landscape plans. Mrs. Crilly took plans home to give more careful review.

- V. ADJOURNMENT** – Mrs. Walsh made a motion to adjourn meeting at 10:45 a.m. Mr. Skop seconded motion.

### **VI. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2010.

Susan Milnes, Secretary