

# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)  
Saturday, December 12, 2009  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson  
Dianne Crilly  
Ellen Preissler  
Miles Svikhart  
Kathy Wilson  
Don Burden (Council Liaison)

### Absent

Gordon Ogden  
Steve Skop  
Hermann Allen, Environmental Commission

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Chairman Schmaltz began the meeting at 8:40 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 NOVEMBER'S MEETING

Mr. Svikhart made a motion to approve November's meeting minutes. Mrs. Preissler seconded motion.

### II. CORRESPONDANCE

- Mrs. Schmaltz shared several relevant articles as well as a thank you letter from SBS Board of Education for trees planted in front of school parking lot.
- Mrs. Schmaltz received correspondence from owner of Brokers 3 Realty requesting release of bond. Although business has met landscaping requirements, they have not met their parking space requirements; therefore, bond cannot be released at this time.
- Mrs. Schmaltz received an invoice from Conrad Smith Nursery for \$3360.00, the purchase price of 13 trees. She will prepare purchase order for payment. Mrs. Schmaltz will also submit a P.O. for reimbursement for Shade Tree Federation Annual Conference as well as mileage to and from Cherry Hill, NJ.
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### III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **61 Patterson Ave.** – Mrs. Schmaltz arranged for Tom Van Sickles (JCP&L) to assess condition of tree within boro right of way. It is low priority to JCP&L since it is not on side of street with wires. He recommends topping tree; STC does not recommend

topping. Mrs. Schmaltz will request telephone wire running through tree be removed and DPW will then cut down tree.

- B. 83 Patterson Ave.** – Mrs. Schmaltz received call from concerned resident about two trees in boro right of way. Mrs. Schmaltz did a drive by, she feels trees look to be in good shape with straight trunks.
- C. Architectural Millwork (Newman Springs Rd.)** – PB/ZB secretary Lorraine Kelleher, located original landscaping plan. Mrs. Schmaltz recommends going off of original plan but take note of plants STC does not recommend.
- D. Paul David Partywares** – No change in landscaping plans. STC is pleased to see proposed rain garden.
- E. Community Forestry Act** – Gary Lovallo of Chestnut Arboricultural and Forestry Services, LLC came before STC to explain how his company can assist STC in developing a community forestry management plan. Mr. Lovallo has written 15 management plans, all of which have been approved. He explains how a management plan can be as simple or complex as we'd like it, it has to suit the STC and what the STC is capable of undertaking. Once a municipality has achieved approval status, it is eligible to apply for grants. All information related to Community Forestry Act can be found on NJ Forestry Website, as well as a listing of certified tree experts. Deadline for submitting plan is July, which can be easily met. Mr. Burden asked if trees along our county and state roads should be included in plan. Mr. Lovallo says feels they should be included for reference although state does not have a plan.
- F. K. Hovnanian Project** – Jay Cosentino, landscape architect for Maser Consulting came to speak about landscape plan for townhome development. Plans call for a 50' setback and a 25' buffer using mostly evergreens. There will be no shade trees planted in buffer zone although they will be planted in front of dwellings using tall, upright trees rather than wide trees. There will be a depressed retention basin surrounded by retaining wall on east end of development. Mrs. Schmaltz suggests a rain garden in this area. She will speak with boro engineer about rain gardens scattered throughout development. K. Hovnanian project is on agenda for next PB meeting and Mr. Cosentino will be testifying at January PB meeting.
- G. First Energy** – Jay Kaplan, Transmission Specialist, Vegetation Management, spoke to STC about tulip poplar adjacent to freight train tracks interfering with power lines. Mr. Kaplan sees that 3 major branches with significant decay. He is recommending tree to come down and is initiating request. Mrs. Schmaltz suggests getting county involved since tree is also adjacent to Sycamore Ave., which is a county road. Mrs. Wilson suggests STC make a formal recommendation after STC members visit site and review written evaluation of damage. Mrs. Schmaltz suggests First Energy consider donating a tree to boro to replace this significant tree. Mr. Kaplan will get back to STC.

#### **IV. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting scheduled for January 9, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.in the Municipal Center.

Susan Milnes, Secretary