

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Saturday, February 20, 2010
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson
Dianne Crilly
Miles Svikhart
Steve Skop (8:45 a.m.)
Don Burden (Council Liaison)

Absent

Gordon Ogden
Ellen Preissler
Kathy Wilson
Hermann Allen, Environmental Commission

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Chairman Schmaltz began the meeting at 8:42 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 JANUARY'S MEETING

Mrs. Crilly made a motion to approve January's meeting minutes. Mrs. Schmaltz seconded motion.

II. CORRESPONDANCE

- CORE Training will be held on April 10th in Paramus. All STC members who have not attended are encouraged to attend and learn why STC's are legally necessary in towns.
- Community Forestry Status Report – tracks completion of requirements. Latest report shows Mr. Svikhart's and Mr. Burden's attendance at CORE Training in 2009.
- Tree City, USA application has been submitted.
- Tree Removal Request – Resident at 117 Patterson Ave. requests tulip tree be removed. Mrs. Schmaltz observes tree to have a straight trunk and healthy canopy. If resident gets tree evaluated by certified arborist, STC will go with arborist's decision.
- Tulip tree adjacent to freight tracks has been taken down. Mrs. Schmaltz e-mailed Jay's boss from First Energy requesting tree be donated to replace one taken down.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Arbor Day** - Mrs. Schmaltz passed out list of possible ideas to use on Arbor Day. She suggests April's STC meeting be cancelled and all members participate in Earth Day Fair/Computer Recycling Day on April 17th.

- B. Community Forestry Management Plan** – Gary Lovallo has directed STC to begin thinking of our five year goals. We need to develop a punch list of three items; Mr. Lovalla suggests we think broad.
Action: E-mail Mrs. Schmaltz with ideas prior to next meeting.
- C. Architectural Millwork** (155 – 159 Newman Springs Rd.) – Mrs. Schmaltz received new plant list which is basically same materials as original plant list. STC recommends finding an alternate for Bradford pear and hemlock. She will send comments to owner.
- D. Vice Chair** – Mr. Burden recommends appointing a vice chair in the event Mrs. Schmaltz is not able to attend monthly meeting. Mr. Svikhart graciously volunteered, all in favor.
- E. KHov Project** – Landscape architect Jay Cosentino from Mazer Associates was present to review landscape plans. STC is concerned with privacy on southern and eastern boundaries considering buildings are going to be 35’ – 45’ tall. Mrs. Schmaltz will prepare memo to PB with additional points:
- Pleased with plant list.
 - Suggest terracing in stormwater management basin.
 - Encourage use of rain gardens in common areas.
 - Benches to be included for passive recreation.
- F. March Meeting** – Due to scheduling conflicts, next meeting will be on March 27th. Mrs. Milnes will notify Mrs. Wilson.

IV. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for March 27, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Center.

Susan Milnes, Secretary