

# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)  
Saturday, March 8, 2008  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson  
Susan Berdahl  
Don Burden (Council Liaison)  
Hermann Allen, Environmental Commission

### Absent

Dianne Crilly  
Gordon Ogden  
Ellen Preissler  
Miles Svikhart  
Katherine Wilson

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## WORKSHOP MEETING

Do to lack of a quorum; Mrs. Schmaltz declared meeting a workshop meeting

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

Due to lack of quorum, approval of February's meeting minutes will be voted on at April's meeting.

### II. CORRESPONDANCE

- Mrs. Schmaltz again reminded members of invitation to Monmouth County Shade Tree's Annual Spring Forum on evening of March 26, 2008. Mrs. Schmaltz highly recommends members attend; she has gone in previous years and finds event informative and beneficial. If interested in attending, please fill out form. Mr. Burden will be going and offered to drive interested members.
- Financial Disclosure forms were handed out to STC members. Please fill out and return at next meeting.

### III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Community Newsletter** – Mrs. Schmaltz will prepare article to inform residents of why trees were cut down at Municipal Center. She will stress how thought out and critical it was to remove trees. Trees were also removed as a precautionary measure to protect power lines. STC feels that by removing hazardous trees, historic sycamore trees will be more prominent.

- B. EC Computer/Electronic Recycling and Earth Day Fair**– STC has generously offered to provide cold refreshments for April 26<sup>th</sup> event. STC will also participate in event by handing out seedlings and literature.
- C. Arbor Day** – Plans are underway to celebrate Arbor Day at SBS. Some ideas are poster contest, program designed by a local master gardener which includes story telling, and handing out of seedlings.
- D. Tree City, USA** – No word on application.
- E. Green Communities Grant** – Mrs. Schmaltz contacted firm that Mr. Bill Young, Environmentalist, works for to see if firm is available to act as consultant in completing grant. Mrs. Schmaltz will research company further.
- F. Shrewsbury Borough School** – Mrs. Schmaltz met with Facilities committee to discuss replacing trees along parking lot and Obre Pl. SBS is not interested in replacing trees in this location but would like to plant trees in front of gym and along Broad St. Mrs. Schmaltz will propose two trees in front of gym, possibly little leaf lindens.
- G. Tree Planting** – Borough resident Alicia Johnson of Sycamore Ave. called Mrs. Schmaltz inquiring if two unhealthy trees along Sycamore Ave. are located on borough right-of-way. They are not but owner will remove trees anyway. STC will consider planting two sycamores along road.
- H. Borough Hall Tree Removal** – Mr. Mark Degenhart asked if Boy Scouts can help in planting trees at Municipal Center. STC does not think this is possible since not all trees cut down will be replaced. There is also a liability issue when dealing with heavy, cumbersome trees, not to mention guarantee that comes with trees purchased and planted by a nursery. Mrs. Schmaltz will report back to Mr. Degenhart.

#### **IV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Ingrid Quezada, Trafford St., was seeking additional information on tree/shrubs removal and renovations to commercial building adjoining her property. Mrs. Schmaltz reported that she made a phone call to an architect who recently asked STC for advice on landscaping on a Newman Springs Rd. property. Mrs. Schmaltz's call was not returned but it does not look like property is same as one adjoining Mrs. Quezada's.

**ACTION:** Mr. Burden will take issue up with Code Enforcement Officer since ordinances require buffers between commercial and residential properties.

#### **V. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Center.

Susan Milnes, Secretary