

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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MEETING AGENDA

March 17, 2007 –8:30 a.m.

Borough Municipal Hall
419 Sycamore Avenue
Shrewsbury, New Jersey

- I. Announcement of Meeting
- II. Salute to the Flag
- III. Presiding Officer's Statement
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Review of Minutes from February 10, 2007 meeting
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Correspondence
- VIII. New and Unfinished Business
 - A. Sidewalk Letter
 - B. Storm Damage
 - C. Newsletter Deadline
 - D. New Tree Planting
 - E. Arbor Day Plans
- IX. Planning/Zoning Board Site Plans
 - A. Grove West (Chris Cole to attend with latest planting plan)
- X. Adjournment – next meeting, 4/11/07

*** MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM MARCH 10TH TO MARCH 17TH**

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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Saturday, January 13, 2007
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

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

Absent

Gordon Ogden

Chairman Schmaltz began the meeting at 8:36 a.m. by reading the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Presiding Officer's statement in compliance with P. L. 1975 c. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act. Roll call was taken by Susan Milnes, Secretary.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER'S MEETING

Mrs. Berdahl made a motion to approve December's meeting minutes. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mrs. Schmaltz informed STC members the current rate for mileage is .4857 cents/mile.
- Mr. Svikhart made a motion to continue to hold STC meetings on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Center. Mrs. Crilly seconded motion, all STC members in favor.
- Mrs. Schmaltz informed STC of Hazard Trees seminar which will be held in Providence, RI. Itinerary looks like a good one, but distance is a factor. Is there anything closer?
- Articles - Mrs. Schmaltz shared two newspaper articles regarding the cutting down of trees before they fall down and take out power lines, and uprooting sidewalks. One article focused on Denver, CO after snow and ice caused trees and branches to fall on power lines resulting in widespread loss of electricity. The second article featured the town of Keyport and its uneven sidewalks.

III. CORRESPONDANCE

- Mrs. Schmaltz shared a Christmas card from Eagle Scout Matt Eddy to STC. Along with holiday wishes, Matt expressed gratitude for the support STC provided during his Eagle Scout project.
- Regarding sidewalk project on Patterson Ave., Mrs. Schmaltz received request from construction manager asking for copy of STC's letter to Borough Administrator Tom Seaman. Letter requested a waiver not to install a sidewalk next to "Annie Sez" due to presence of mature trees. Mrs. Schmaltz will forward copy of letter and e-mail Mr. Seaman regarding waiver status.

IV. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Tree City, U.S.A.** – Mrs. Schmaltz has completed application and will mail it out next week.
- B. Budget** – After reviewing 2006 expenditures and expected costs in 2007, STC will ask for a budget of \$9000.
- C. Sidewalks** – Resident at 102 Beechwood Dr. is worried over condition of her shade trees since installation of new sidewalks. During installation, roots were cut and a severe grade was created between grass and level of sidewalk, tree roots were left exposed.
Action:
Mrs. Schmaltz will contact county STC's Dave Robbins, to determine health of trees.
- D. Fire Station**
Mrs. Crilly has been in contact with Fire Chief, John Merris regarding landscaping at new firehouse. Can STC plant several trees on property? STC will gladly do so.
- E. 39 Silverbrook** – Mrs. Schmaltz reported on a decaying tree amongst a strand of eight on property. JCP&L will remove parts of tree which are interfering with power lines, borough's DPW will remove the rest.
- I. Ordinance Review** - After careful review, STC sees no reason to modify ordinance. Mr. Svikhart made a motion to keep ordinance as is, Mrs. Wilson seconded motion, and all members in favor.

V. PLANNING/ZONING BOARD SITE PLANS

Detail Doctor (479 Broad St.) – During review of plans, STC discussed the following:

- concern over lack of trees along Broad St.
- satisfaction in seeing improvement of current condition.
- whether there are power lines along side of property, if there are, keep ornamental trees, if not, plant shade trees.
- replacing burning bush (invasive species).
- replacing white birch with a heartier tree.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Center.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Preissler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m., Mrs. Berdahl seconded the motion.

Susan Milnes, Secretary