

# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)  
Saturday, April 12, 2008  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson  
Dianne Crilly  
Gordon Ogden  
Ellen Preissler  
Miles Svikhart  
Katherine Wilson  
Hermann Allen, Environmental Commission

### Absent

Susan Berdahl  
Don Burden (Council Liaison)

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Chairman Schmaltz began the meeting at 8:45 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 FEBRUARY'S MEETING

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve February's meeting minutes. Mrs. Preissler seconded motion. March's meeting minutes were reviewed but not voted on since Mrs. Berdahl, other member present at March's meeting besides Mrs. Schmaltz, was not in attendance.

### II. CORRESPONDANCE

- Please remember to fill out your financial disclosure forms. They are due to Borough Clerk Kathy Krueger no later than May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Monmouth County Shade Tree newsletter was shared. Mrs. Schmaltz will find out which STC member is and is not on mailing list. Winterthur magazine was also passed around.
- Mr. Burden forwarded "Clean, Green and Litter Free" and "A Newfangled Way to Count Trees" articles.
- Borough resident Ed Welstead, Samara Dr., received warning notice from Code Enforcement Officer regarding uprooting tree which was newly planted by STC in borough right away. This is second tree planted on premise (first tree allegedly died). Mr. Welstead called Mrs. Schmaltz, as directed in warning notice. STC discussed whether Mr. Welstead should pay for tree (\$330.00), or replace tree with another of same

caliber, making sure it is a shade tree and not an ornamental, fruit or evergreen tree. Mrs. Schmaltz will respond back to Mr. Welstead.

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

- A. Monmouth County Shade Tree Meeting** – Mrs. Schmaltz reported meeting was well attended by local STC, other agencies and a good portion of public who are interested in gypsy moth issue. Mrs. Schmaltz brought back excellent packet of material for each STC member which county agricultural division sends out to county residents upon request.
- B. Tree Planting** – Tom Moeller, 40 Colonial Dr., requested a tree be planted to replace one that was damaged during Feb. '07 ice storm. Mr. Flanagan, resident, is ready for tree to be planted; during first attempt, sump pump was damaged. Alicia Johnson, Sycamore Ave. and Kelly Moraller, 48 Silverbrook Ave. also requested trees.
- C. Rumson Fair Haven Bank** - Bank is questioning whether STC really recommends planting a maple tree on Broad St., considering it is fast growing. The answer is “yes,” for consistency. Mrs. Schmaltz will inform bank.
- D. Tree City, USA** – No word on application.
- E. Green Communities Grant** – Mrs. Schmaltz completed Bill Young’s form confirming his company as STC’s consultant. Once Council approves matching portion, grant form can be completed.
- F. Shrewsbury Borough School** – Discussion continued on what and where to plant trees on school property. Mrs. Schmaltz reported that administration would like what looks like a large, healthy tree in front of gymnasium taken down. Mr. Svikart suggested STC meet on school property prior to board meeting to walk site and assess tree status. Mr. Ogden questioned whether borough should establish an ordinance similar to Fair Haven and Rumson which spells out criteria on tree removal. He will research surrounding towns and report back.
- G. Arbor Day** – Mrs. Preissler has ordered two packets (196 seedlings) for distribution to SBS kindergartners on April 25<sup>th</sup> and at Computer/Electronic Recycling Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ogden will distribute seedlings at SBS as well as give a kindergarten-friendly talk about Arbor Day. Mrs. Schmaltz forwarded curriculum from Arbor Day Foundation to Bd. of Ed. Member Kelly Kuchinski.
- H. EC Computer/Electronic Recycling and Earth Day Fair**  
It was decided that it would be more environmentally friendly to serve water in paper cups from Boy Scouts’ large jug rather than individual plastic water bottles. STC will also provide “box” juices.
- I. Central Jersey Blood Bank** – CJBB is purchasing building and will be renovating landscaping. STC recommends anything that is an eyesore be removed.
- J. Farrell Property Management (Shrewsbury Ave.)** - Plans call for constructing a garage and an underground detention basin, and adding pavement. Rear of property has more landscaping than front of property. STC recommends adding two trees up front and some ground cover. STC will also request eliminating barberry which is on invasive list. Mrs. Schmaltz will draft letter to ZB secretary.

### **V. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Center.

Susan Milnes, Secretary

