

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
April 16, 2011
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson
Dianne Crilly
Ellen Preissler
Steve Skop (9:04 a.m.)
Dawn Walsh
Kathy Wilson
Betsy Wattlely, Associate Member*
Don Burden (Mayor)*
Tom Menapace (Council Liaison)*

Absent

Bill Gerth

*Non-voting member

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Chairman Schmaltz began the meeting at 8:49 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 MARCH'S MEETING

Mrs. Wattlely made a motion to approve March's meeting minutes. Mrs. Wilson seconded motion.

II. CORRESPONDANCE

- Tree City, USA paraphernalia has arrived which includes flag, sticker, pin, baseball cap and appliqué which will be affixed to existing wooden plaque. STC will continue to apply for this award although municipal's budget is a key element in qualifying. Mrs. Schmaltz will make presentation to Council once official letter is received in mail.
- STC members are invited to state's Arbor Day celebration in Freehold Twp.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Arbor Day** – Mrs. Schmaltz received seedlings and will deliver them to Mrs. Walsh who will hand seedlings to kindergarten class at SBS. This will occur on Arbor Day, Friday, April 29th
- B. Monmouth County STC Spring Forum** – Mr. Gerth, Mrs. Schmaltz, Mrs. Wattlely and Mrs. Wilson attended event held at Agricultural Building in Freehold on March 30th.

Members were impressed with presentation on privately owned material recovery facility in Woodbridge Twp. Mrs. Wattley informed STC of private tours given by facility. Is this something commission is interested in? Councilman Menapace asked if facility is an alternative to county landfill where DPW brings boro recycling. The subject of stink bugs was discussed by a master gardener. It appears this non-native species has begun to affect crops. Mrs. Crilly shared her knowledge of the stink bug by informing members there are native and non-native stink bugs; the ones we see in our homes are native species.

- C. CORE Training** –Mr. Gerth, Mr. Skop, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Wattley attended all day session on Sat., April 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Paramus. There were four to five very informative speakers who spoke on a myriad of STC topics. Mr. Skop spoke with Alexander McCarthy who is extremely knowledgeable and more than willing to help STC's at anytime with anything. Mr. McCarthy was also at County Forum. Mr. Gerth, as driver, will submit his mileage and toll receipts for reimbursement.
- D. Community Forestry Management Plan** – Mrs. Schmaltz is frustrated with lack of response from Gary Lovallo. She sent draft to him in early February and has yet to hear back despite numerous phone calls and e-mails. It is critical STC develops plan in timely manner; grant money is available and EC is depending on plan to earn 50 points toward Sustainable NJ program.
- F. Stewardship Day** – Mayor Burden informed STC of event held in Eatontown where app. 25 volunteers gathered to clean Bliss Price Arboretum. Perhaps STC can organize event in Shrewsbury. Two areas which need sprucing up are wooded area across from MC Library, as well as small brook and adjacent land north of Grove.
Action: Mr. Skop will reach out to Eatontown to get details on their successful Stewardship Day.
- G. Architectural Millwork** – Borough resident, Ingrid Quezada continues to be frustrated at lack of action from owner of property on Newman Spring Rd. Several plant material has died since being planted last summer.
Action: Mrs. Schmaltz will write letter to property owner, Steve Kantor, requesting dead plant material be replaced.
- H. Electronic Recycling/Earth Day Fair** – All systems are “go” for annual event. STC will provide drinking water and paper cups. Mrs. Preissler will coordinate borrowing large water jugs from Boy Scouts. Mrs. Wattley has arranged for Sickles Nursery to lend STC three or four native species trees for display. STC will have on hand literature and fact sheets on native species as well as other tree related subjects. Mayor Burden suggests STC reach out to SBS to see if SAIL projects are available for display.
- I. Five Guys and a Burger** – Mrs. Crilly suggests STC look at original landscape plan; it appears owner is not sticking to plan.

IV. REVIEW OF PLANNING/ZONING BOARD PLANS

The Ivy at Shrewsbury (KHov) - Reviewed landscape plan for playground. On STC's recommendation, original bush (abelia) which attracts bees will be replaced with potentilla. There is no objection to type of plant material being used.

- V. ADJOURNMENT** – Mrs. Crilly made motion to adjourn meeting at 10:35 a.m.
Mrs. Preissler seconded motion.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for May 14, 2011.

Susan Milnes, Secretary