

# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)  
Saturday, June 12, 2010  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson  
Ellen Preissler  
Steve Skop  
Miles Svikhart  
Dawn Walsh  
Kathy Wilson  
Don Burden (Council Liaison)

### Absent

Dianne Crilly  
Hermann Allen, Environmental Commission

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Chairman Schmaltz began the meeting at 8:40 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. Wilson made a motion to approve March's meeting minutes with following correction; Section III, Item B – a "drawing" was held to pick tree winner, not a "raffle."  
Mrs. Schmaltz seconded motion with correction noted.

## II. CORRESPONDANCE

- Mrs. Milnes handed out 2010 Financial Disclosure forms for all members to complete. **Forms must be returned at July STC meeting.**
- Mrs. Schmaltz handed out membership cards to Shade Tree Federation.
- Mrs. Schmaltz received thank you note from Susan Binns, coordinator of EC's Electronic Recycling Day/Earth Day Fair, acknowledging STC's participation in event.
- Mrs. Schmaltz wrote letter on behalf of STC thanking Heritage Green's homeowners' association for replacing plantings bordering DPW.
- Mrs. Schmaltz received letter from resident Sally Milnes who is a student at RBRHS. Sally asked STC to donate a tree to the French National Honor Society who will plant it on school grounds on Arbor Day. While request was being considered, honor society purchased a tree at very reasonable price.

### III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Membership** – STC welcomed new member Dawn Walsh. Mrs. Walsh is replacing Gordon Ogden who resigned because of family obligations.
- B. Council Report** – Mr. Burden has arranged tour of sewage treatment plant in Monmouth Beach on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for EC and STC members. Mr. Burden recently took tour and was impressed with facility which processes 12 ½ million gallons of water daily before being piped out to ocean. Car pools will meet at Boro Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- C. Tree City, USA** – Mrs. Schmaltz and Mrs. Preissler presented Council with “Tree City, USA award at May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. This is twelfth straight year borough has received award. Council recognized STC for its strong efforts in achieving this recognition.
- D. Rain Garden** – Mrs. Milnes informed STC of proposed rain garden project at SBS. Project will be coordinated with EC and MAST teacher, Sally Ann Jauch. Most desirable location is in front of school to far left of bell circle door.
- E. Newsletter** – Thank you to Mrs. Preissler for a “job well done” for her spring article. Mr. Svikhart has volunteered to write article for summer edition on what to do with a fallen tree and downed wires.
- F. Tree Requests** –
- 497 Sycamore Ave. – Request received to remove tree. Sycamore Ave. is county road and therefore not within STC’s jurisdiction. Mrs. Schmaltz directed resident to county STC.
  - 218 Williamsburg Dr. – Request STC to remove tree. Upon inspection, it was determined tree is not on boro right-of-way and therefore, not STC’s responsibility.
  - Paul Squazzi (Heritage Green) – Request to remove maple tree. Tree in not in boro right-of -way.
  - Ellen Preissler (Obre Place) – requests two shade trees be planted sooner vs. later.
  - Dr. Whalen (Garden Rd.) – Mrs. Wilson updated STC on condition of tree; significant branch came down during recent high winds and blocked street for two days. Mrs. Wilson feels it is matter of time before entire tree topples over.
- Action:** Mrs. Schmaltz and DPW foreman Frank Clark will inspect tree.
- G. Community Management Forestry Plan** – Nothing new to report. Mrs. Schmaltz e-mailed ideas to consultant, Gary Lovello.

### IV. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

Boro resident Ingrid Quezada spoke of continued concern regarding lack of progress in restoring landscaping to original condition. Mrs. Schmaltz told Mrs. Quezada of May 21<sup>st</sup> letter from owner Steve Cantor committing to replacing plantings. Mrs. Schmaltz will e-mail Mr. Cantor on Monday, requesting date for planting. Mrs. Quezada is also concerned with on-going tree removal.

### V. SITE PLAN REVIEW

**K. Hovnanian Development** – STC conducted cursory review of new landscape plan but found it difficult to ascertain changes. Mrs. Schmaltz will write to P.B. secretary Lorraine Kelleher requesting a meeting with KHov’s landscape architect Jay Cosentino.

### IV. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2010.

Susan Milnes, Secretary