

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Saturday, August 14, 2010
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson
Dianne Crilly
Ellen Preissler
Steve Skop
Dawn Walsh
Don Burden (Council Liaison)

Absent

Miles Svikhart
Kathy Wilson
Hermann Allen, Environmental Commission

Chairman Schmaltz began the meeting at 8:37 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 JULY'S MEETING

Mrs. Walsh made a motion to approve July's meeting minutes. Mrs. Schmaltz seconded motion.

II. CORRESPONDANCE

- Mrs. Schmaltz received confirmation from boro clerk Kathy Krueger acknowledging Mrs. Walsh's appointment to STC. Mrs. Schmaltz will contact NJ Shade Tree Federation and request Mr. Ogden's name be removed and Mrs. Walsh's name added.
- National Conference sponsored by Arbor Day Association will be in Philadelphia on Nov. 9 – 11.
- NJ Shade Tree Federation will hold its annual conference in Cherry Hill on October 22/23. STC members are encouraged to attend.
- Mrs. Schmaltz received an invoice from Conrad Smith Nursery for two trees.
- Deadline for newsletter is September 10th. Some suggestions are procedures for: reporting a downed tree which has pulled wires with it, discarded Christmas trees, and leaves in gutter.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tree Requests –

- 47 Birch Dr. – Resident feels he has a serious acorn problem and would like oak tree removed from boro right-of-way. Tree is in healthy condition, but acorns have done damage to cars and caused injury to child's head.
- Constitution Dr. – Resident is upset over Monroe Ave. neighbor removing evergreens. Since evergreens were on private property, Constitution Dr. resident has no recourse.
- JCP &L – Tom Van Sickle has received permission from boro to prune trees along Sycamore Ave., between Broad St. and Shrewsbury Ave. Mr. Burden reports county is pruning trees along Sycamore, from Little Silver to Broad St.
- Dr. Whelan's property - Mrs. Schmaltz informed code enforcement officer of unhealthy tree on street's edge of Garden Rd. property. COE instructed Mrs. Schmaltz to put her concerns in writing, which she did; she has not heard back.

B. Community Management Forestry Plan – Nothing to report but Mrs. Schmaltz will reach out to Mr. Lovallo for an update.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

A. 8:57 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. KHov's landscape architect Jay Cosentino reviewed most recent plans dated 7/8/10. STC feels concerns have been addressed. Final vote for project is scheduled for 8/18/10 Planning Board meeting. Meeting was closed to public at 9:10 a.m. Mrs. Schmaltz made a motion to approve landscaping plans for residential area, Mr. Skop seconded motion; all STC members in favor. Mrs. Schmaltz will prepare memo to PB.

B. 9:22 a.m. – 9:36 a.m. – Resident Ingrid Quezada reports recent plantings at Architectural Millwork (Newman Springs Rd.) are not being tended to. It appears 10 bushes and 1 tree have died. Mrs. Quezada notes app. 70 bushes and one tree were planted but feels they were not planted according to plans. Mrs. Schmaltz will look at plan and visit site. She will send a follow-up letter in fall requesting dead bushes be replaced. Meeting closed to public at 9:36 a.m.

V. SITE PLAN REVIEW

- A. Cutwin's Furniture Showroom (Broad St. and Thomas Ave.)** - Plans call for parking in front of showroom which STC finds objectionable. There are not enough shade trees along Broad and Thomas and not an extensive plant list (monoculture). STC will suggest a plant list which is not affected by exhaust.
- B. Staples Plaza** – STC will recommend cleaning up area at corner of Broad St. and Ave. of Commons which is covered in invasive vines as well as litter. STC will suggest attention be paid to trees in parking lot and possible placement of planters throughout.
- C. Qdoba Mexican Restaurant** – Mrs. Schmaltz sent comments to ZB; areas of concern are lack of vegetation around building, and dumpster which is clearly visible at main entrance to Plaza. Representative of restaurant requested preferred plant list. STC feels certified landscaper should be able to answer this question. Mr. Burden suggests their landscape architect attend an upcoming STC meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Skop made a motion to adjourn meeting at 10:19 a.m. Mrs. Crilly seconded motion.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2010.

Susan Milnes, Secretary