

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
Saturday, August 9, 2008
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Nancy Schmaltz, Chairperson
Susan Berdahl
Dianne Crilly
Gordon Ogden
Katherine Wilson
Hermann Allen, Environmental Commission

Absent

Ellen Preissler
Miles Svikhart
Don Burden (Council Liaison)

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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 JUNE'S MEETING

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

II. CORRESPONDANCE

- Mrs. Schmaltz informed STC that annual NJ Shade Tree State Conference will be held on October 24th and 25th in Cherry Hill. All members are encouraged to attend; enrollment cost and mileage is reimbursable.
- Multiple Shade Tree related topics were included in July's edition of Community Newsletter. Next issue's deadline is September 10th. Mrs. Crilly will gather literature and pick out informative news. Mrs. Schmaltz will also check with newsletter editor, Izzy Greico, to see if STC can include an insert.
- Mrs. Schmaltz shared latest edition of Monmouth County Shade Tree newsletter. Newsletter is also available on-line.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Central Jersey Blood Center** - Randy, of Central Jersey Blood Center, along with

Stephan, landscaper/owner of Stephan's Landscaping, were on hand to discuss landscaping plans. Plans show overall improvement but there are concerns:

- STC does not support paving of existing islands. Islands are required in borough's ordinance to allow for planting of shade trees. Lack of irrigation to islands does not justify paving them over. Randy feels that in two to three years, islands will be included in irrigation system, until then CJBC must assume proper maintenance of islands.
- STC discourages use of barberry since it is considered an invasive according to NJ Native Plant list. Steve will replace barberry with boxwood.

Action: Mrs. Schmaltz will summarize concerns and Randy will prepare letter to Mrs. Schmaltz detailing revised plant proposal.

- B. Tree Trimming Request** – Paperwork is in place for what looks like work along entire length of Sycamore Ave. Mrs. Schmaltz will verify exact location with Borough Clerk, Kathy Krueger.
- C. Tree Removal Requests/SBS Tree Replacement** - Mrs. Schmaltz drove around borough with Frank Clark of DPW looking for problem trees. There is an old mulberry on site of former "Brokers 3" which should come down. There are outstanding issues at SBS which will be addressed at next STC meeting. Status of two donated trees on kindergarten playground will also be assessed prior to October's meeting.
- D. Tree Planting List** – Nothing to report at this time.
- E. Green Grant Update** – Phase I is officially complete. Mrs. Schmaltz will contact Bill Young to begin Phase II.

IV. Zoning and Planning Boards

- A. Grove West** – Landscaping plans are complete, although Mr. Ogden believes there are several dead shade trees near Patterson Ave. entrance. Mrs. Schmaltz will verify.
- B.** Mrs. Schmaltz is pleased to see Borough Engineer is requesting alternate ways to mediate stormwater runoff; rain gardens are an excellent example.
- C. RFH Bank** – Mrs. Schmaltz feels there is a discrepancy between what bank is saying is planted and what is actually planted. Bond money will not be released until issues are resolved. Mrs. Schmaltz will be in touch with bank contact.

V. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be rescheduled from September 13th to September 20th, at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Center.

Susan Milnes, Secretary