

Minutes: Borough of Atlantic Highlands
Shade Tree Commission Meeting of April 13, 2010
For Meeting of May 11, 2010

The meeting was held at Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall, 100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands.

In attendance: Louise Donoghue, Marilyn Scherfen, Joseph Hawley, Lois Young, Kate Wigginton Ken Thoman and Mary Thompson.

Louise Donoghue called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

The minutes of the March 9th, 2010 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Joe Hawley to accept the minutes. Lois Young seconded the motion and all those who had attended at the March 9th meeting voted in favor of acceptance.

Correspondence: Mrs. Donoghue reminded the committee about the April 14, 2010 Spring Forum. Mrs. Donoghue informed the committee that attendees would earn CEUs. Mary Thompson will drive and the group will meet in front of Borough Hall at 6:00 PM. A letter from Susan Barrett was read thanking the committee for the memorial tree in honor of her husband.

Treasurer's Report: A \$500 donation was included with Mrs. Barrett's letter. Two other \$25.00 donations were received. The tublings for Arbor and Earth Day were ordered. There is \$3,307.20 in the committee's account.

A motion to accept the report was made by Lois Young and seconded by Marilyn Scherfen. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Guests Mickey Rast and Edward Mailander were introduced. Mrs. Rast, speaking for three homeowners on Bayside Drive (east of #148) presented a plan to trim trees behind their houses. She stated that a Borough employee would be paid for by the owners to supervise the pruning. Discussion followed about the ownership of the property. The discussion centered on whether the property in question is owned by the County or the Borough. Kate Wigginton suggested that we determine ownership by requesting that Borough Engineer David Marks research the issue. Ken Thoman thought the property had been transferred to the County. The map Mrs. Rast obtained has the land in question listed as Borough property. Mrs. Rast stated that she would be happy to meet anyone at the property and she would point out the trees in question. Joe Hawley made a motion that we approve the request if the question of ownership can be established. Marilyn Scherfen seconded the motion. The decision will be made within 10 days and a vote can be taken by e-mail or phone. All agreed to accept the motion if ownership is established.

Arbor Day and Earth Day Celebration plans were discussed. The committee will distribute tubplings at both events. Mary Thompson will send an invitation to Fr. Shakespeare and Lois Young will ask him if he would do a blessing at the tree planting. The remaining posters were judged.

The trees on Avenue D were discussed. Joe Hawley and Kate Wigginton will survey the street and give a plan to Louise Donoghue. Mr. Hawley estimates that we need about 15 trees.

Adam Hubeny stopped by and reported that JCP&L were planning to finish the pruning of trees that were interfering with power lines. He gave a list of trees that needed trimming. A meeting will be held on April 20th at Borough Hall with JCP&L at 2:00PM to discuss the issue.

A motion was presented by Joe Hawley to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Kate Wigginton seconded the motion and all in attendance voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thompson