

Minutes: Borough of Atlantic Highlands

Shade Tree Commission

Tuesday, July 14, 2009 7:00pm

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

In attendance: Louise Donoghue, Marilyn Scherfen, Kathleen Wigginton, Joseph Hawley, Lois Young, Ken Thuman and Mary Thompson. Guests: Mickey Rast and Adam Hubeny

The meeting was called to order by Louise Donoghue.

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that there was an error in the May Minutes. Mr. Wuesthoff's name was spelled incorrectly. Lois Young was referred to as Doris. It was also not noted that although Gypsy Moth spraying was discussed, there was no need to spray in Atlantic Highlands.

A motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting with the correction was called for by Lois Young and seconded by Joe Hawley. All those present voted and accepted the minutes as amended.

Treasurer's Report. The report has been filed in the minute folder. Highlights: The Borough Budget has been passed. \$13,500 has been allocated to the Shade Commission. Balance in the account is \$1,770.78 Discussion followed

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Marilyn Scherfen and seconded by Joe Hawley. A vote was taken and unanimously accepted.

Mickey Rast was introduced and presented a proposal about trimming trees on property on Ocean Boulevard. Kate Wittington handed out maps showing the lots in question. Copies of the proposal from Frontier Tree Company and a letter from David Marks, the Borough Engineer were distributed. Discussion followed and the following proposal was presented:

That the Atlantic Highland's Shade Tree Commission accepts the proposal submitted by Frontier Tree Company (dated June 9, 2009) for work to be done on lots 11, 12, 13, 24 and 7 with the suggestion that the owners consider "lifting" selected trees to maintain the concept of a "Forested Village View" with the most important proviso being to maintain the integrity of the slope. The town tree expert will supervise the operation at the owner's expense and a plan will have to be submitted to Shade Tree Commission

for approval by the Committee and the Borough of Atlantic Highlands for any future tree projects.

The motion was presented by Lois Young and seconded by Joe Hawley. All present voted to accept the proposal

Correspondence: Louise Donoghue presented a letter from the State of New Jersey Environmental Protection Department, Division of Parks and Forestry dated May 19, 2009 stating that Atlantic Highlands had failed to meet the requirements for Approved Status. (Copy in minute files) A Management Plan was submitted in January of 2009. Kate Wigginton will call the State. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Mary Thompson