

Atlantic Highlands Shade Tree Commission
Meeting January 8, 2019
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

In Attendance: Ken Grasso, Kate Wigginton, Fred Callis, Rich Lerner, Louise Donoghue, Lori Montana

The meeting was called to order by Ken Grasso at 6:38 P.M., in accordance to the Sunshine Law.

The first meeting of the new year is the Shade Tree Commission's Reorganization meeting. Louise Donoghue led the meeting until the officers were voted on. All the members of the commission want to stay on.

Lori Montana put to a vote Ken Grasso and Fred Callis to remain as co-chairs. Kate Wigginton made the motion, Louise seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Kate Wigginton made a motion to have Rich Lerner become the vice chair. Louise Donoghue seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Kate Wigginton made a motion for Bill Thorne to remain the treasurer. Rich Lerner seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Rich Lerner made a motion for Lori Montana to remain as secretary. Fred Callis seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

All agreed that the meetings would be held the second Tuesday of the month except if there is a holiday.

All agreed the meetings would continue to start at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting dates for 2019 are:

February 12

March 12

April 9

May 14

June 11

July 9

August 13

September 10

October 15

November 12

December 10

January 12, 2020

After the voting was complete and the time and dates of the meetings for 2019 decided, Ken Grasso welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2019.

The Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on November 13, 2018 were accepted as amended. Louise Donoghue made the motion, Rich Lerner seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance: November 14, 2018- \$14,877.24

Closing Balance: December 31, 2018- \$9,712.24

The motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Fred Callis, seconded Louise Donoghue; all in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

Tree Inventory: A member will e-mail Rich Wolowicz from RichView to find out if he is interested in continue the tree inventory.

Grants: The commission tabled the discussion on money for grants.

Environment Commission: Kate Wigginton will attend their next meeting.

Chapel Hill Nursery: Payment to the nursery was withheld due to displeasure with the tree provided. The money has been released because the tree will be removed and a new one will be planted. Although the commission was pleased with the outcome, the commission members will look into other vendors for future plantings.

Sycamores on First Avenue: The sycamores are distressed. The discussion on how to save them will begin in early spring.

Wrapping Tree: Ken Grasso wrapped many of the trees and Fred and his son wrapped the rest. All of the trees on Hennessey are now wrapped.

New Business:

Tubelings and Saplings: Tubelings will not be ordered this year for Arbor Day. Instead, the commission will distribute saplings.

Trees Trimmed on First Avenue: The commission felt that Hufnagel did a very good job.

Stakeholders Meeting: The date has not been set, but it will be sometime in April.

Arbor Day: Arbor Day is Friday, April 26

Arbor Day Poster Contest: The theme for the poster contest is "Trees for Our Future."

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M. Fred Callis made the motion to adjourn, Louise Donoghue seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Montana