

Shade Tree Commission Meeting
October 14, 2014 7:00 PM
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

In attendance: Louise Donoghue, Bill Thorne, Kate Wigginton, Marilyn Scherfen, Mary Wall and Mary Thompson.

Mrs. Donoghue opened the meeting at 7:10 PM in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

The Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Bill Thorne and seconded by Kate Wigginton to accept them as written. All who had been in attendance at that meeting voted in favor of acceptance.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Thorne distributed a Treasurer's Report. Kate Wigginton made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Louise Donoghue. All voted in favor of acceptance. Kate Wigginton mentioned that we need a resolution for Bill Thorne to sign checks. Mary Thompson will compose the resolution and present it to the Commission at the November meeting.

Correspondence: No correspondence

Old Business: Tree plantings were discussed, Roger K. from the AH Public Works Department, went with Marilyn Scherfen on an inspection tour. Marilyn discussed the list of trees in crisis. She noted 6 critical issues and one tree that needs trimming. Various other trees were discussed. Marilyn Scherfen recommended that the spring planting be postponed until the fall. It is hoped that planting in the fall will ensure a better outcome.

New Business: The Joe Hawley tree planting was discussed. A substitution was made for the Joe Hawley planting - a Swamp White Oak, instead of a Red Oak, will be planted in the Soccer Field on October 17th. Marilyn Scherfen will arrange for refreshments and Mary Thompson will order coffee. Logistics were discussed.

The Federation Conference was discussed. Mary Thompson will make the reservations and mail the payment. She will attend, along with Fran Hogan and Mary Wall. Mary Thompson will contact Adam Hubeny about Roger K. attending.

Arbor Day plans were discussed. It was decided to have a slogan "contest". Mary Thompson will send a blurb to media outlets and Marilyn Scherfen will contact the schools. Entries should be submitted no later than November 10, 2014. There will be a \$25.00 prize for the winner.

New tree complaints were discussed. "Fire Blight" was discussed as well. Kate Wigginton made a motion to remove a tree in front of 14 E. Highland that is raising the sidewalk. The roots have been trimmed before and it is liability at this time. Mary Wall seconded the motion and the vote carried.

Kate Wigginton suggested that Shade Tree files be removed from John Scott's house. Louise Donoghue will call. The Borough workers could remove them.

Everyone was reminded to fill out their questionnaire for Pam Zipse.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marilyn Scherfen and seconded by Kate Wigginton. All agreed and the meeting was ended.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Thompson