

Atlantic Highlands Shade Tree Commission
Meeting January 9, 2018
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

In Attendance: Louise Donoghue, Fred Callis, Bill Thorne, Rich Lerner, Lori Montana
Guests: Dido Krikorian, Robert Alverson

The meeting was called to order by Louise Donoghue at 6:32 P.M., in accordance to the Sunshine Law.

Louise Donoghue went to the reorganization and swearing in meeting on January 1, 2018 in Borough Hall. Kate Wigginton is alternate #1 and Lori Montana is alternate #2.

Shade Tree Commission Reorganization Meeting:

Lori Montana was elected secretary. Rich Lerner made the motion, Fred Callis seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Bill Thorne was elected treasurer. Louise Donoghue made the motion, Ken Grasso seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Fred Callis and Ken Grasso will be co-chairs. Rich Lerner made the motion, Louise Donoghue seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Louise Donoghue will be the vice chair. Rich Lerner made the motion, Bill Thorne seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

The Shade Tree Commission will meet in August and December, but those meeting are optional.

Meetings will now start at 6:30 P.M. unless otherwise stated.

This year's stakeholders meeting will be held in the Senior Building at 7:00 P.M. Paul Cowie will speak. Light refreshments will be served.

The Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on December 12, 2017 were accepted as amended. Louise Donoghue made the motion, Fred Callis seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance: December 12, 2017- \$12,106.30

Closing Balance: January 9, 2018- \$10,036.90

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

Old Business:

Tree Inventory: Rich from Richview has inventoried 500 trees so far.

Louise Donoghue attended the budget hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 and it looks like the Shade Tree budget will be awarded \$10,000.00.

Tree City: Bill Thorne is working on the application.

New Business:

Spring Planting: Please tell the residents of Atlantic Highlands to apply to have a new tree planted. Kate Wigginton will be in charge of this effort.

Fireman's Field: Bill Thorne put together a preliminary map of possible places to plant trees.

Arbor Day: is the last Friday in April. This year it is Friday, April 27. The Shade Tree commission members will think of someone to honor by planting a tree on that day. The commission is also considering a mass planting instead of one special tree.

Newsletter: the commission is considering putting out another newsletter. If it is decided to move forward with it, it will feature trees and slopes which is in keeping with our five year management plan.

Tubelings will be ordered to be given out during the Arbor Day program in the Atlantic Highlands Library, continuing the Shade Tree Commission's tradition.

Ken Grasso will attend a webinar on January, 10, 2018.

Bill Thorne will write the accomplishments report.

Bill Thorne invoiced the Shade Tree Commission for printer ink. The motion was made by Rich Lerner, Fred Callis seconded it; all in attendance agreed to pay Bill for ink for the printer.

The entire commission and the guests who were present thanked Bill Thorne for all his hard work and everything he does for this commission.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M., Louise Donoghue made the motion to adjourn, Rich Lerner seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Montana