

**Atlantic Highlands Shade Tree Commission  
Meeting July 9, 2019  
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room  
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716**

**In Attendance:** Ken Grasso, Fred Callis, Rich Lerner, Bill Thorne, Kate Kigginton,, Lori Montana. Guest: Rob Alverson

The monthly meeting was called to order by Ken Grasso at 6:37 PM, in accordance to the Sunshine Law.

**The Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting on June 11, 2019 were accepted as amended. Rich Lerner made the motion, Ken Grasso seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

**Correspondence:** The commission received a thank you note from Callan Barnes for his gift card. He was one of the winners of the Arbor Day Tree contest.

The commission got a request to plant at 58 Asbury Avenue. The commission members discussed letting people plant on the "parkway." The members felt the homeowners should be aware of their responsibilities before they plant a tree. A member of the commission will get in touch with that homeowner to talk about types of trees to consider planting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Opening Balance: June 12, 2019- \$8,184.37

Closing Balance: July 9, 2019- \$5,574.41

The motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Kate Wigginton, seconded Rich Lerner; all in attendance agreed.

**Old Business:**

**Film One Fest:** What to bring to the film festival to put in the table was discussed. Fred Callis and Ken Grasso will man the table.

**Plaques for Tribute Trees:** Fred Callis spoke to a contractor about using a stone as a marker or a cement block instead of a plaque. The stone will cost around \$100.00 to \$200.00, the cement maker would be much less. Peter Donogue's tree will be the first to get whichever the commission decides on. After that, plaques that are missing or have been damaged will be replaced.

**Spring Planting:** All the plantings scheduled for the past spring have been taken care of.

**New Business:**

**Recording the Minutes:** Should the minutes be recorded was discussed. The members decided they should not.

**Meeting in August:** The Shade Tree Commission members decided not to meet in August. Lori Montana will e-mail Michelle Clark to put in the paper. She will also put a note on the door of where the meetings are held.

**World Tree City:** The members discussed if they would like to apply to be a World Tree City.

**Planting More Trees:** The commission discussed planting more trees each year.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10 t 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM. Ken Grasso made the motion to adjourn, Fred Callis seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Montana