

**Atlantic Highlands Shade Tree Commission
Meeting May 14, 2019
Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room
100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716**

In Attendance: Kate Wigginton, Ken Grasso, Rich Lerner, Bill Thorne, Fred Callis, Lori Montana

Members of the Shade Tree Commission met to choose the winners of the Arbor Day poster contest. The judging began at 5:30.

The monthly meeting was called to order by Ken Grasso at 7:10 PM, in accordance to the Sunshine Law.

The Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on April 9, 2019 were approved. Rich Lerner made the motion, Fred Callis seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance: April 10, 2019- \$9,353.75

Closing Balance: May 14, 2019- \$8,532.25

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

Old Business:

Stakeholders Meeting: The commission members discussed the possibility of postponing the stakeholders meeting until the fall. Fred Callis will get in touch with Rich Wolowicz to see if he's available and if he is, discuss dates.

Five Year Plan: Paul Cowie will be paid his asking price of \$4,300.00, but he will also speak at the stakeholders meeting in 2020. He plans on discussing his involvement in the 9/11 memorial as well as Hudson Yards. The commission members thanked Fred Callis for being in touch with Mr. Cowie and for having him agree to help us.

Spring Planting: The planting will take place on May 24. Conrad Smith of Tinton Falls is the nursery who will provide the trees. The total cost will be \$1,832.00. That includes the planting.

Fireman's Field: Kate Wigginton will talk to several landscaping companies and will have them send us their proposals.

Plaques: Fred Callis will talk to Mayor Randi about commemorative plaques for the tribute trees whose plaques are either missing or are damaged in some way.

Stump Removal: All the stumps have been removed that were on the list was generated by the Atlantic Highlands Street Department and the Shade Tree Commission. The members will look to see if there are any stumps that need to be removed on Rt. 36.

New Business:

Awards Assembly at AHES: Louise Donoghue and Ken Grasso will hand out the awards to the winners of the Arbor Day poster contest at the assembly. The winners are from grades one through six. Caroline Northrop, the AHES art teacher, will be given a \$50.00 gift card for Michael's. All the winners will get gift cards for Michael's as well. The first prize winners will get a \$20.00 gift card, second place winners will receive a \$10 gift card, and third place winners will receive a \$5.00 gift card. Plus each student will get a tree planted in their name through the Arbor Day Foundation. In total, the commission will spend \$350.00. The motion was made by Ken Grasso, seconded by Fred Callis, all in attendance agreed.

Tribute Trees: Discussion of planting tribute trees in the future was tabled. It will be discussed at an up-coming meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM. Ken Grasso made the motion to adjourn, Fred Callis seconded it; all in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Montana