



BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
July 11, 2015
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Bill Gerth, Chairperson
Doug Keiper
Lynne Royce
Mary Russell
Betsy Wattley

Absent

Mike De Nofa (Council Liaison)*
Stuart Minis
Steve Skop
Patrick Slattery

*Non-voting member

Chairman Gerth began the meeting at 8:30 a.m. by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Presiding Officer's statement in compliance with the P. L. 1975 c. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act. Mr. Gerth took roll call.

I. POSTING OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

April's meeting minutes have been posted to the Borough's web-site.

II. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Mr. Gerth thanked Mr. Slattery for helping to inspect declining Sycamore tree in island at the Four Corners and for inspecting/diagnosing scale on the Maple tree at the Municipal Complex immediately in front of the Community Garden.
- B. Mr. Gerth thanked Ms. Royce for assisting in the Arbor Day presentation to the Kindergarten class at Shrewsbury Borough School.
- C. Mr. Gerth reviewed various resident inquiries and actions

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Esther Hymer Nature Preserve Initiative** - STC members visited the preserve on various occasions since meeting in April. STC noted declining nature of access, signage and maintenance of trails. STC agreed to champion improving access and usage of the preserve. Ms. Royce will track down existing maps and schematics of the

preserve. Mr. Gerth will initiate development of a plan to gain buy-in and alignment from community stakeholders in maximizing the educational and recreational use of the preserve.

- B. Heritage Green/DPW Complex Project** - Mr. Gerth and Mr. Minis met with DPW to gain insights into consideration of landscape plans for the entrance to the DPW Complex on White Road. Mr. Gerth met with the Homeowners Association (HOA) to obtain input on desires/needs for tree/shrub selection. Mr. Gerth presented results of the soil test from Rutgers and explained the need for soil amendments. Mr. Gerth will develop a landscape plan and meet with HOA to review and develop a consensus on final plan.
- C. Shrewsbury Volunteer Brigade** - Mr. Gerth thanked Ms. Wattley for mulching and watering (along with Mr. Minis) the area around the Winterberry Hollies at the front north side of Borough Hall.
- D. 2015 Tree Plantings Wish List** - Mr. Gerth informed STC that two American Hornbeams have been planted for the Karalewich residence on Trafford. Ms. Russell will set up meeting with neighbor to discuss possible tree selection. The wish list for 2015 now includes the following:
 - two London Planes for the Burden residence
 - one London Plane for the Beechwood Triangle
 - two Crimson King trees or similar reddish leafed tree for the Ernst residence
 - one unspecified tree for the Luckinbill residence on East End Avenue
 - one Korean Stewaria for the Gazebo area at the Municipal Complex
 - one *Syringa reticulata* for the Shrewsbury Borough School.

IV. CFMP STATUS, IMPLEMENTATION, & UPDATES: No updates

V. PLANNING/ZONING BOARD: No plans to review

VI. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No public comment

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Keiper made a motion, Ms. Whattley seconded, to adjourn meeting.

VIII. NEXT MEETING - Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Bill Gerth, Chairperson