



BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
November 8, 2014
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Bill Gerth, Chairperson
Doug Keiper
Stuart Minis
Ellen Preissler
Mary Russell
Patrick Slattey
Betsy Wattley

Absent

Mike De Nofa (Council Liaison)*
Steve Skop

*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

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

II. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Mr. Gerth reported there were no resident/business inquiries since the last STC meeting.
- B. Mr. Gerth reported that STC received a 'Thank You' letter from the Mayor and the Shrewsbury Day Committee for our participation in the event. Mr. Gerth acknowledged and thanked Mrs. Preissler for leading this effort.
- C. Mr. Gerth announced that submission for recertification as Tree City USA is due December 14, 2014. Mr. Gerth will prepare submission with assistance from Mrs. Preissler on municipal spend on trees.
- D. Mr. De Nofa sent follow-up note to STC indicating that there is an irrigation system for the trees (Zelkovas) immediately in front of Boro Hall.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. NJ Shade Tree Federation Annual Meeting** - Mr. Gerth, Mr. Keiper and Ms. Wattlely attended the NJ Shade Tree conference this year. They provided highlights to STC.
- B. Budgets** - Mr. Gerth reported STC spending to date: \$195.00 dues/membership; \$415.00 education; and \$573.66 trees/grounds. The balance is \$2,816.34. It is unlikely this will be spent since acceptable tree specimens have been unavailable at local nurseries. STC agreed to keep 2015 budget request at \$4,000.00.
- C. Shrewsbury Borough Tree Ordinances Review** - STC reviewed tree ordinances related to 'Permits, Inspections'. Mr. Minus facilitated this review. This completes STC's review of tree related ordinances for the Borough. Mr. Gerth asked that each STC member write-up key revision/modification points for the sections of the ordinances for which review they facilitated by the next STC meeting. Mr. Gerth will consolidate these modifications into a unifying proposal that can be sent to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

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

Mrs. Preissler made a motion to adjourn meeting. Ms. Russell seconded the motion.

VIII. NEXT MEETING - Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Bill Gerth, Chairperson