

SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting of March 17, 2015

ATTENDEES: Brain Mallin, Ray Shinn, Neil Paulsen, Edgar Hyer, Heather Smith, Owen McCarthy and Greg Oliveri

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of the 2/10/15 meeting were read and approved.

The 2015 STC Budget is expected to be approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Owen McCarthy introduced our new liaison to Council – Gregg Olivieri. A discussion regarding the STC organization and goals followed.

Chairman Mallin introduced Heather Smith who is interested in becoming a participant without a vote until a membership opening occurs.

The Resident Tree Purchasing Project was discussed and the literature / publicity plan was reviewed to include handouts, large posters for display at stores, revision of the STC website and media coverage. The website has been updated and the Coast Star is running an article about the program. The members took material to be posted and handed out.

The ability of the Borough to extend commodity purchases to residents in the program and be protected from vendors not in the program was discussed.

Chairman Mallin reported the Community Forestry Management Plan had been approved by council and sent to the state.

Chairman Mallin reported the spring tree planting program was finalized with 12 trees for Mallard Park and 6 for the lifeguard station. The types of trees were discussed.

The status of tree replacements for the Main St business district was reviewed with the need for a decision making body to be identified- recommendations were made by STC over three years ago to Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

The status of the Acme parking lot trees was discussed. We will find out who owns the property to pursue improvement.

The NJ Tree Recovery program offering 1,000 seedlings in April at no charge is being pursued.

TREE CALLS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.
Respectfully Submitted
Neil Paulsen, Secretary

