

MANASQUAN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting of April 21, 2015

ATTENDEES: Brian Mallin, Ray Shinn, Neil Paulsen, Heather Smith,
Tom Lozinsky, Frank Servidio, Rita Coleman and Gregg Olivera

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of the 3/17/15 meeting were read and approved as amended to correct name spellings.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Earth Day Celebration – Rita Coleman reviewed the program which is to begin at 10 AM at the elementary school on Thursday April 23, 2015, The posters and essays completed by the 4th and 5th graders were reviewed and 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners were selected by the members of the Commission. Rita conducted the library session on April 20.

Chairman Mallin announced we had received the 18th year Tree City Award for 2014. He will update the plaque, Ray Shinn will install the flag and the stickers for the Tree City street signs will be installed.

The Resident Tree Purchasing Project has been successful with 31 orders to date.

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. Gregg Olivera will pursue obtaining a decision.

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

The NJ Tree Recovery program resulted in the receipt of 1,000 seedlings at no charge. Distribution of the seedlings was discussed.

Hazard tree ID training will be scheduled this year; we will hire a consultant to ID street hazard trees.

TREE CALLS: One call regarding pruning a tree spanning the property line. Only prune up to the line.
The library has requested two trees be planted. This was deemed appropriate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Neil Paulsen, Secretary

