

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
December 5, 2018 Meeting - 7:00 PM
1st Floor- Room 110

Meeting Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:06 pm Bill Brash
2. **Present-** Stacey Ehling, Tara McQuade, Jeanne Patterson, Bill Brash, Lester Preston
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Guests:** none
5. **Announcement of Open Public Meeting Act**

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, (c231, P.L. 1975) this meeting was announced by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building reserved for that purpose, by mailing such notice to the offices of the official newspapers and the Township and filing such notice with the Township Clerk.

6. **Meeting Minutes:** November minutes were tabled until January.
7. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Parks- Offer to help Parks identify Ash trees in high use areas, status still pending. Bill Brash will reach out to some key people to get the ball rolling. Stacey suggested involving the community to spread the word, possibly involving Scouts for the identification. The STC tree experts (Greg, Bill & Thom) can assess the status of trees and report status of EAB.
- b. Replacements/Cost share program for street tree replacement discussed and tasks divided. Stacy, Jeanne and Bill will work together to help this move forward. The opportunity to reforest the town should be a priority. Cost-share brochure will be helpful and hopefully generate resident interest.
- c. Replacement trees at DPMA- list to be pulled together for a spring planting
- d. Goals for Community Forestry Plan-tabled until next month
- e. Improvements to Shade Tree web site- Stacy suggested a separate format to allow more freedom for creativity for the shade tree site
- f. DPW representation at some meetings discussed, even just a quarterly visit would be great for communication.
- i. Training for proper mulching discussed.....Again.

8. **New Business:**

- a. **Shade Tree Monthly Report-** reviewed and discussed
- b. **Correspondence-none**
- c. **Recommendation** that Freehold Township Planning/Zoning Board hire a LTE to be present when applications are presented where trees are involved. This may facilitate the successful planting of trees that are well suited for our community forest. The article from Monroe Now local paper about this was read and discussed. The STC hopes that this would be a valuable resource that could benefit the community.

9. **Good and Welfare-**

- a. **Ornamental/Horticultural Symposium** classes for CE credits available.
- b. **Reorganization meeting-** Friday January 4th, we are welcome to join
- c. Stacy showed us a Save the Source flyer that would be a nice example to follow for our own improved brochures and outreach for social media.

10. **Meeting Adjourned** 8:13 pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Tara McQuade