

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

April 5, 2017 Meeting - 7:30 PM

1st Floor Mayor's Conference Room 110

MINUTES

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:36 pm Thom Ritchie
2. **Present-** Tara McQuade, Lester Preston, Jeanne Paterson, Thom Ritchie, Greg Hanley, Nancy Mac Neill
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **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.

5. **Meeting Minutes:** March 1, 2017 were reviewed and discussed. Jeanne made a motion to approve Greg seconded and they were approved.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. iTree Inventory- job is posted at Rutgers and Pam and Jason will be helping with the selection/interviewing.
- b. Cincinnati Hall- no news on the project

7. **New Business:**

- a. Arbor Day 2017-Erickson school will host the Arbor Day celebration this year.
 - i. Barton Nurseries will be the source of the tree, a male Kentucky Coffeetree 'Espresso' (lacks the seed pods) and Shade Tree is donating the tree to the school.
 - ii. Bill Brash will obtain the saplings for tree giveaway and needs quantity.
 - iii. Thom will call Cathy Areman at Erickson to get the details.
- b. DPMA Arbor Day April 29th 2017- Ed Brock is donating a tree, Kwanzan Cherry, a favorite of his late wife. The plaque has been ordered and Thom has arranged for the tree to be delivered. Thom extended the invitation to Ed and his family for the 10:00 am planting.
 - i. Pack 358 will attend and can do the flag ceremony.
- c. Greg Hanley raised concerns about the care and pruning of trees at the Freehold Township schools. Over the years, many trees have had poor care and pruning and it is a safety issue. Lester will discuss the issue with the Board of Education and communicate the concerns of the STC.
- d. Correspondence- The Monthly Report was reviewed and discussed.
- e. Volunteer Hours- for CFMP reporting. Karen Ketchum was inquiring about the tracking of those hours for the management plan. We estimate that the STC each spent 5 hours on the report, with Jeanne and Bill spending 10 hours each.

8. **Good and Welfare-** Google Library is a great source for books such as Dirr's for a quick reference!

9. **Meeting Adjourned** 8:52 pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Tara McQuade