

MINUTES  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
January 11, 2010

Present: Sherri-Rose Rubin, George Fromm, Kathy Dopart, Tracy Gelber, Lauren Rabinowicz, Miriam Rabinowicz, Dorothy Rasmussen.

- We welcomed two new members to the Shade Tree Commission, Tracy Gelber and Lauren Rabinowicz.
- Minutes from December were reviewed. Dorothy made a motion to accept and Kathy seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- Election of officers: Kathy nominated George Fromm for Chairman and Tracy seconded. The vote was unanimously yes and George was re-elected chairman. George nominated Dorothy Rasmussen for Secretary and Kathy seconded. The vote was unanimously yes and Dorothy was elected secretary.
  
- We brought our new members up to date on what the commission has been doing this year. The tree inventory was discussed and all the work we had to do to get there was explained. The process of planting and how homeowners are notified was discussed with the new members.
  
- The plan for planting this spring will be filling in trees (approximately 15) from Tano Mall to TD Bank along Amboy Avenue. We will also fill requests for trees from residents.
  
- The issue of trees being cut down at the railroad was brought up and we heard that Amtrak has jurisdiction of the track area and can do whatever they want there. It appears that too much vegetation close to the tracks may not be good for operating the trains safely. Also, the Greenway Project will include input from the Shade Tree Commission.
  
- Sherri asked us to make a *top 10 list* of things we want to accomplish this year for presentation to the Borough Council. She also suggested we make a *blog* and get it linked to the Borough website. We can post things about what we are doing and also get input back from the community. Lauren knows how to do this for us.
  
- George is going to ask Coleen about Arbor Day, what supplies and info she has about it so we can use it for this year's celebration.

Lauren motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Tracy seconded it.