

MINUTES
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
May 10 2010

Present: George Fromm, Tracy Gelber, Lauren Rabinowitz, Dorothy Rasmussen, Kathy Dopart, Sherri-Rose Rubin, Mayor Vahalla

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

After careful review, April minutes were approved unanimously.

- Arbor Day was a success. Two evergreen trees were planted. The Principal and children were very happy to participate in our celebration. They want to develop a plan to further beautify the grounds of Campbell School, and George is willing to assist them. Lauren shared photos with us that were taken to mark the event.
- Storms – More branches came down over the weekend of the 8th and 9th of May causing more power outages.
- Spring planting is scheduled to commence week of May 10th. Residents are coming forward wanting to cancel the planting of their trees on Essex and Amboy avenues. Since the March storm damage, people are wary of having trees placed on their property. The Mayor spoke to us about how to approach the homeowners and will visit some of them personally to explain how important it is to replenish our tree resource. The Borough attorney will see what our rights are in the ability to plant in the right of way even if a citizen does not want it. We will see if we can postpone planting 1-2 weeks to reach out to the residents and win them over. Sherri will contact the League of Municipalities to see if there are any recent articles concerning this situation in other towns. George will call Tree City, USA to see if they have any suggestions as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

