

Shade Tree Commission

Minutes

April 11, 2011

Present: George Fromm, Dorothy Rasmussen, Lauren Rabinowitz, Tracey Gelber, Cher Krumins-Beens, Frank Ferrera, Maggie Manza, Ushantha Govender

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by George, seconded by Cher

- March minutes were approved and will be sent to the Boro web master for upload onto the STC website.
- Tracey will be responsible for creating an agenda for each meeting.
- Lauren Rabinowitz tendered her resignation from STC, she will be missed but will continue to support STC.
- Shade Tree USA status, Lauren has begun work on updating our status, George will complete and get the paperwork into the state.
- Maggie will take over responsibility for the Library bulletin board 2 times a year. All members offered help.
- Arbor Day is planned, Home Depot will donate a tree for planting at Campbell School on April 29th at 2PM with the fourth graders in Mrs Pata's class. George will pick up the tree and drop it off at the school.
- Country Fair was discussed briefly, will begin planning as we get closer. There will be money in the budget to buy some small give away's, stickers, pencils. A list with specific purchasing locations, stock numbers etc. should be presented when requesting a PO.
- Web Outreach – Cher was having difficulty getting onto the website, she and Lauren will work together to get access.
- Spring Planting – 18 trees are planned for Spring planting this year. Most are home owner requests.
- STC Budget for 2011 has been set at \$14,000. The possibility of "pre-ordering" trees for a fall planting was discussed again. George to follow up with Bill Boerth.
- STC has won a "Space Tree"! This is a tree that has orbited the Earth in the Space Shuttle; Discussion of possible planting locations was discussed. Tree is being cared for by George until we determine a place for it to be permanently planted.
- Tree damage in town since 2010 planting, of the 65 trees we planted last year, 10 of them need replacing.
- Outstanding grant money – STC is owed money back from a Grant we had won last year. George is working on it and will update next month.
- Yearly Update to the NJ Shade Tree Federation was sent out to meet all requirements.

- “Call before you cut” campaign was discussed. Lauren put together a letter for builders and tree services, the STC membership thought it should be more firm in wording. Membership will revisit . Also discussed a “Call before you cut” logo for stickers or postcards.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by Cher and seconded by Frank.

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Agenda

May 9, 2011

Agenda items

- Shade Tree USA status update
- Library Bulletin Board follow up
- Arbor Day follow up
- Web outreach follow up
- Spring Planting
- Space Tree location
- Outstanding Grant money
- Call before you cut campaign follow up
- Country Fair discussion
- Tree Inventory Training date/time
- New Business.