

Shade Tree Commission

Minutes

August 8, 2011

Present: George Fromm, Dorothy Rasmussen, Tracey Gelber, Cher Kruminis-Beens, Ushantha Govender, Linnae Bulun, Maggie Manza

Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by George, seconded by Tracey

- Linnae Bulun was identified as the new member of the STC replacing Lauren Rabinowitz.
- Country Fair ideas were finalized, magnets will be ordered by Frank, Tracey will order T Shirts, Poster Boards will be made by all members, Maggie and Ushantha will request literature for handouts, Tracey will cover the tablecloths, a schedule was created for booth coverage.
- Library Bulletin Board will be updated this Fall by Maggie, Tracey's scout troop will assist by making pictures for the board that Maggie can use to decorate.
- Web Outreach is progressing will have more to post once the fair is done.
- Shade Tree City status was noted to the Mayor and full council at the Boro Council Meeting in July. A flag and award was presented to the Mayor for display in Metuchen. The Shade Tree City sticker was given to the Boro Administrator for application to the Shade Tree City signage at the entrances to town.
- A check will be coming from the state; this is the remainder that was granted to STC for the tree inventory. George thanks Dorothy for her help in collecting these funds.
- Space Tree has been planted at Tommy's Pond. Tracey to write an article and send a picture to the state as requested.
- Call before you cut shelved until the spring.
- Metuchen Messenger article was written and sent to Katie Harris, two versions were sent, a longer and abbreviated one. The article highlights the benefits of trees at various stages of growth.
- Fall planting will take place and will consist primarily of home owner requests. George has determined that we will take Sugar Maples and Oaks off the planting list for now due to issues we have seen over the last year or two.
- George mentioned he is trying to arrange a "ride along" with the Mayor to discuss the state of the trees in town. Dorothy will reach out to the Mayor for George to.
- Watering was discussed. Dorothy has gotten the ok for George to borrow the Middlesex County water tank, George can attach the tank to his truck and water the trees in town.
- An "Adopt A Tree" project was discussed as possible way to involve the community in the care and maintenance of trees in town. Details need to be hammered out, to be discussed further.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 by George and seconded by Cher.

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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.