

Shade Tree Commission

Minutes

December 12, 2011

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

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

- Community Forestry Update, Tracey will follow up and update annual paperwork. Tracey will forward to George for sending to the state/
- Dorothy reported that the Boro is looking to cut STC budget by 10% next year. STC has had less money to plant trees (61 trees planted in 2011) and the Boro has seen more trees down due to storms, disease etc.
- Ushantha will take over responsibility for the tree inventory, she will work with Dorothy to have a training session. George would like to attend too.
- Initial thoughts on 2012 Spring planting schedule. Areas of interest, Durham Ave, Amboy Ave, Eggert Ave, Middlesex Ave by Parsonage Rd.
- The idea of a plaque being placed in Boro Hall for Tree donations. Residents can donate a tree to be planted in town in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion and rather than a plaque being placed with the tree the name/occasion would be added to a plaque to be hung in Boro Hall. Dorothy to follow up at Boro Council Meeting.
- Conrail train line, do they plant along the rail line? Frank Ferrera to follow up and report back.
- Possible Zoning liaison to work with zoning department to enforce tree ordinances on the books and ensure language is the same in both STC and Zoning documents.
- List of all areas that need to be covered in 2012 was discussed. STC members to think about which items they would be interested in assisting with; Arbor Day, Zoning Liaison, Library Bulletin Board, County Fair, Planting (Spring and Fall), Conrail, Flyers (volcano mulching, tree contractors), Annual Reporting, Metuchen Messenger Articles, Tree Inventory, Outreach, Donation Plaque.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 by George and seconded by Frank.