



METUCHEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION

BOROUGH HALL • 500 MAIN STREET • METUCHEN, NJ 08840

Minutes: June 25, 2013

Present: Tracey Gelber, Cher Krumins-Beens, Ushentha Govender, Franklin Ferrera, Linnae Bulum, Maggie Manza and Dorothy Rasmussen

Meeting Called to Order: 7:08PM by Ushentha Govender, seconded by Maggie Manza

Review of last minutes –Approved 1st by Tracey Gelber and 2nd by Cher Krumins-Beens

New Business:

- **GUEST: Visit from Jeff Kreft from Fox & Fox** – reason for visit is the current resolution for his development on Center Street and the total requested number of trees, since it is physically impossible to meet the requested 7 additional trees. STC is willing to take contribution to the Contractor Fund @ \$275 a tree. Approved by members.
- **Membership Cards from NJShade tree Federation** - Tracey, Linnae, Frank still have cards pending. Tracey signed PO to continue membership.
- **Tree Request:** Chris Lunding on George Street would like replacement tree, he has been placed on Fall Planting schedule.
- **PR Material:** Want to consider some form of PR materials to hand out at events. Cher will research using a \$275 total budget.
- **Chase on Main & 27** – Approval given to grounds keeper to replace new tree by planting a Cherry Maple.

Tree Funds – Status still pending

Country Fair – Tracey giving Ushentha the form to be filed. Event scheduled for Oct. 5, 2013. Theme will be surrounding the 50 year anniversary. STC is currently researching the possibility to get free hand out materials to be used at the Fair.

Tree plaque outreach update – Will be presenting program at MFM on July 27 from 9am to Noon (Cher, Tracey, We will present the plaque, provide hand outs and present some fun Carnival game and prizes of pencil and stickers.

Franklin and George continue to work on a PR campaign and STC will request to update plaque with current donations.

Creation of Permit System – Next step is to provide electronic copy to Dorothy to present to town attorney and inform Mayor of current status.

Library Bulletin –Due to construction and staff changes dates for STC to design boards are pending.

Land Use Ordinance change – Was passed.

Planning – Still pending guidance on what is needed. Reviewed plans for 177 Center street & 120/124 Harvard: George is going to speak with Chris to determine what they need from STC in terms to these plans to make sure we are providing quality suggestions, details of what is needed and format for our comments. George has been traveling so resolution still pending.

Commission T-shirts – Commission members are willing to pay for their own t-shirts to wear at events with the Commission Logo. Tracey to research printing of shirts.

Fall Planting – Next meeting will compile list of current request and determine some new appropriate options for use.

Next Meeting: Following meeting will be held TUESDAY, July 23 @ 7PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 by Franklin Ferrera and second by Linnae Bulum