



## METUCHEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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### Minutes: Sep 24, 2013

**Present:** Tracey Gelber, Cher Kruminis-Beens, Franklin Ferrara, Linnae Bulum, Ushantha Govender, George Fromm and Maggie Manza

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:10PM by Tracey Gelber and seconded by Franklin Ferrara

**Review of last minutes:** Approved 1<sup>st</sup> by Franklin Ferrara and 2nd by Ushantha G.

#### Guest –

- Mike Conroy - 48 Norris - stop by meeting to learn more about the commission and how he can get involved.

#### Follow-up:

- **Membership Cards from NJShade tree Federation** –Tracey and Linnae cards are still pending. Tracey signed PO to continue membership
- **Tree Funds** – Status still pending Tracey is going to ask Dorothy to follow-up now. Based on bids we have used the budget but do have donation fund available.
- **Fall Planting** – Bid went out to 6 Vendors. Two came back. One new company is available. Bid is being D'Onofrio Sons Inc. List of planned places to plant will be sent over to Public Works. We are in return asking that they provide the list of all trees removed since Sandy. 15 pin oaks 15 plane trees 3 linden 2 elms 1 honey locus. Will continue to focus on Central, Eggert and Grove.
  - Three more resident request were received and provided to George for Fall Planting.
  - 57 Central tree issues – Shade tree planted has been jeopardized by zoning request to place new fence to close. Cher to follow-up with Chris in zoning as first step to see if can mutually come up with a resolution.
- **Country Fair** – Oct. 5, 2013. Commission to gather at Tracey's on Oct. 3 @ 7PM to create materials. Approval given to spend up to \$40 for supplies. Learn form, clip board and bucket. George will provide the trees, Gold Mums and tent. Ushantha will work to decorate trees with golden leaves. Work schedule will be determined at Thursday planning.
- **Tree plaque outreach update** –Plaque will be presented at Fair. STC wants approval to allow outside committee people to assists with promotion of program. Tracey to follow-up to come with Dorothy.
- **Creation of Permit System** – Dorothy has presented to the council and now is in front of the town attorney will update at next meeting. Update pending Dorothy attendance.
- **Commission T-shirts** – Commission are willing to pay for their own t-shirts to wear at events with the Commission Logo. Please bring a GOLD t-shirt to Thursday gathering to do iron-on.

**New Business:**

- **Shade tree USA Status** – Tracey will look to see why we are not being listed.
- **NJ Shade Tree Federation Training** – Will see if DPW needs any spots and Tracey will follow-up with STC members once we know what is available

**Next Meeting:** TUESDAY, October 22 @ 7PM.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:06 1<sup>st</sup> by Ushantha Govender & 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Fromm