METUCHEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION

BOROUGH HALL • 500 MAIN STREET • METUCHEN, NJ 08840

PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, JUNE 11, 2014 – 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Dorothy Rasmussen, Maggie Manza, Cher Krumins-Beens, Linnae Bulum, Franklin Ferrara, Todd Pagel, and Ushentha Govender

MEETING MINUETS

1. **CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM**
   - Franklin Ferrara 1st & Ushentha Govender 2nd @ 7:09

2. **APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES**
   - Linnae Bulum 1st & Cher Krumins-Beens 2nd

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   - Non present

4. **FARMERS MARKET**
   - Sat. Jun 21st – volunteers will be Franklin, Ushentha, Todd, Cher, Maggie and Dorothy: Set-up will start at 8:30 and will distribute trees until 1pm. Todd will bring the "tree of life" Plaque and flyers to discuss the program.
   - Cher will develop a flyer to promote program. Ushentha & Cher will set-up table while remaining members will transport trees to event.

5. **FALL FAIR**
   - Oct. 11, 2014 this year theme is "Movies." Maggie will submit our application to the town. Further planning will be done at our August meeting.

6. **PLAN FOR FALL PLANTING**
   - Dorothy has compiled a list of current homeowner request and town locations that need attention based on the tree inventory walk-a-about.
   - Estimated budget is approximately $5k for the Fall planting (based on Tree fund account). Maggie will confirm the amount at next STC meeting.

7. **UPDATES**
   - Community Forestry Consultant – Bids will be back June 20th, once received a sub-committee will meet with chosen consultant.

- 179 Norris Avenue – According to tree inventory it appears the problem tree is a town tree. Maggie will follow-up with public works to confirm. Dorothy will also drive by to confirm if in poor health. If so, STC will grant resident permission for tree removal.
- Tree Farm – Still waiting to hear back if a scout troop is interested in taking on project for Eagle Scout mark.
- Sustainable Jersey – Dorothy submitted the report Sunday June 8, we are now pending feedback. In the meantime, we will keep adding additional members from other committees.

8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 224 Lake Avenue – We will ask that the developer pay full amount for tree replacements.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Maggie Manza 1st & Ushentha Govender 2nd
- Reminder: July 2014 STC meeting has been canceled for summer break
- Next meeting Wednesday, Aug. 13 @ 7PM