



## METUCHEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**April 8, 2015 – 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Dorothy Rasmussen, Maggie Manza,, Linnae Bulum, Christine Von der Linn, Todd Pagel, Lisa Gallina, and Franklin Ferrara

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM**

- Linnae Bulum & Frank Ferrara 2nd @ 7:05

#### **2. APPROVAL OF March MINUTES**

- Todd Pagel-1st & Christine Von der Linn-2nd

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

#### **4. SPRING PLANTING**

- Maggie Manza is going to fulfill old requests while meeting with Rich Miller, a Metuchen landscape architect. Maggie is trying to get new orders for the fall.
- Maggie does not want any more oaks and maples for Metuchen. Rich Miller wants Lindens, Saphora Japonica, London plains, and Honey Locust. Dorothy Rasmussen and Christine Von der Linn claim that Lindens are not a good selection for tree planting since they have suckers, house mites, and grow into electrical wires.
- Dorothy Rasmussen claims that the Metuchen STC has \$2500 to spend on trees for spring planting. Anything higher must go out for bidding. Dorothy has to plan future walk-about for the fall planting. Department of Public Works will plant the trees and Maggie Manza will communicate with homeowners for spring planting times.

#### **5. TREE GIVE AWAY**

- Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Metuchen Senior Center from 9 am-1 pm.
- Dorothy Rasmussen will have the Metuchen STC meet at her home around 8:30 am. Dorothy will hang the Tree City USA flag and has asked for buckets.
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension will have a presentation on grass clippings after 1 pm.

#### **6. ARBOR DAY**

- Friday, April 24, 2015 at Edgar School starting at 3 pm.

#### **7. UPDATES/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- All Metuchen STC members must file financial disclosures by Thursday, April 30, 2015.

- Future planting will focus on some tree removal from Main Street, weed removal from the train station, and planting more trees and better sidewalks on Main Street when Metuchen Borough receives money from the Pearl Street Corporation settlement.
- YMCA is having a healthy kids program on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 11 am-3 pm. The Metuchen STC was invited to set up an information booth.
- Adjournment at 8:30 pm by Maggie Manza and Linnae Bulum.