

Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023

Commissioners: Jeremy Campbell, Dorothy Giamboi, Ken Sammond, Bettina Caluori, Rebecca Sabreen

Meeting began at 7:33 PM

Minutes

Rebecca made a motion to accept the minutes and Bettina seconded and all voted yes.

Farmers Market

We agreed that members, including Jeremy, Ken, Rebecca and Dorothy would work a shared table with the Peter J Barnes Preserve Commission at the Farmers Market on 10/21/23.

Borough Standards and Guidance for Planting of Trees

Dorothy stated that Linda Kozkoski needs help with standards – for new homeowners with regard to :

- Lawns and street trees
- Minimum planting median size
- Closeness to property

Ken asked if zoning deals with this consideration.

Dorothy stated that these recommendations should be made into an ordinance or form ...tree ordinance for planting standards for new homes and buildings.

Bettina will contact the Princeton arborist and at Mercer County College for some guidance.

Diverse members stated that they would look up resources for guidance for next meeting and discuss recommendations regarding what the guidelines should be.

- Proximity to the house.
- Protect homebuyer – 1 year guarantee for trees
- Forms for recommended trees native to New Jersey
- What to do when sidewalk lifted and partial cost replacement

Tree Counting and Assessment

Ken stated that there has been a partial count of the trees on Amboy and Main, and that Chinese Bittersweet is a problem on many of the London Plane trees along there and Main Street. Bettina and Ken stated that they were scheduling a tree count for Saturday, 10/14 at 9 AM. Rebecca stated that she would join us.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03. Jeremy made the motion. Rebecca seconded. All agreed.