

Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2016

Attendees: Melanie Palmer Burdorf, Susan Jeans, Peter O'Neill, Guy Piserchia, Paul Tamburri, and Mary DeLello (recorder).

Absent: Don Farnell, Phyllis Fast, and Tom Malinousky

Meeting called to order at 7:20 by Susan.

Susan moved to approve the May 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes, Peter seconded, all in favor. Peter moved to approve the September 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes and Paul seconded, all in favor.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. **Treasurer's Report:** nothing new to report
2. **Grants:** Melanie will speak to Joanna Askey for template for grants and what might be needed. Melanie to proceed on grant to plant new trees and look in to CSIP grant.
3. **Projects**
 - a. **Earmark neighborhoods who need trees replaced**
 - b. **Big tree list:** Peter moved to add the Quercus Bi-Color Red Oak at 7 Somerset Street to the Big Tree List, Melanie seconded, all in favor.
 - c. **Determine what STC will do for big trees:**
 - d. **Achieve status as Tree City:** need Forestry Plan to apply. Melanie will bring requirements for achieving status as Tree City to next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Paul – CCM Classes:** Paul starts class this week so update next meeting
2. **PSE&G pruning trees on private property:** It wasn't private property – it was PSE&G owned property.
3. **Application for Development at Mountain Avenue and Mercer Street:** no report from Phyllis

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Application for Development on Valley Road, Calabria Site:** verbal ok and Don to write letter to owners to remove two dead trees and plant two new trees.
2. **Rutgers Continuing Professional Education Courses being offered:** Melanie and Susan are going this Saturday to CORE classes.
3. **Proposed dates for STC Calendar for 2017:** accepted
4. **Removal of tree on Maple:** Susan spoke to Tom Delia about removing tree. STC wasn't approached. Public works removed tree without Township Committee or STC approval.
5. **Township committee can dial in to meetings.** Hopefully consideration for Shade Tree Commission to avail itself of dial in.
6. **License plate** available that says "Treasure our Trees".
7. **"The Gardener News"** talks about the oak tree in Basking Ridge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. Peter moved, Susan seconded, all in favor.

►Next meeting: **Monday, November 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Library.**
Submitted by Mary DeLello, Recorder