

# Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### November 28, 2016

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

**Absent:** Don Farnell

Meeting called to order at 7:15 by Susan. Peter moved to approve the October 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes, Melanie seconded, all in favor.

#### COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. **Treasurer's Report:** nothing new to report
2. **Projects**
  - a. **Earmark neighborhoods who need trees replaced:**
  - b. **Big tree list needs to be redone:** Only about a third of the trees on the list still exist.
  - c. **Determine what STC will do for big trees:**
  - d. **Achieve status as Tree City:** Melanie distributed Standards to achieve Tree City Recognition. Need Tree City status to apply for grants. Need to complete Forestry Report. Be helpful to create a Green Team. Guy will ask Neil, Township administrator to contact Joe Dunn asking him to complete the Forestry Report by the first of the year in order to receive pay.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Paul – CCM Classes:** going great.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Back to Nature Tree Project:** STC will participate again this year. Melanie will distribute to schools.
2. **Application for Development on Valley Road, Calabria Site:** Guy will call Amanda Fisher and ask her to call Susan to discuss placing a shade tree somewhere on the property.
3. **Application for Development at 200-230 New Vernon Road:**
4. **Resolution to Township Committee to define penalties for unlawful tree removal:**

Discussion on fee for fine in ordinance, currently the fine is \$100. Ordinance states replacement value of tree plus the fine. Ordinance should be publicized. Tom will complete form and send to Susan for approval to publicize ordinance on Long Hill TV. Guy will see if Susan's paragraph can be placed in the brochure from Long Hill Township. Phyllis will write article for newspaper. Tree companies need notification of ordinance also.

  - a. Question to forward to Guy for Jack:
    - i. Public lands same as right of way/easement?
    - ii. Who is legally responsible for the care of all trees on city or town-owned property?
5. Susan made motion to enable Shade Tree Commission members to call in to meetings, Peter seconded, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. Peter moved, Guy seconded, all in favor.

► Next meeting: **Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Long Hill Township Library.**  
Submitted by Mary DeLello, Recorder