

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Shade Tree Commission held on November 4, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Borough Chambers. Present at roll call were:

Present: Mrs. Margaret Law  
Mr. Lawrence Travaglia  
Mr. C. David Visscher  
Mr. Lloyd Williams, Chairman  
Councilwoman Laurie Fu  
Mr. Dave Dubee, Forester

Absent: Mr. Donald Salerno, Vice Chairman

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been published and posted in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Law of 1975, "Open Public Meetings Act."

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Travaglia moved that the minutes of the Commission's October 7, 2015 Regular Meeting be approved as circulated, seconded by Mr. Visscher. Voice vote. All in favor.  
**Motion carried.**

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Williams commented that although there is no public, a letter was received. He said it was quite a long letter. This letter relates to the public discussion between two residents that took place at the Commission's October 7, 2015 meeting.

The Commission members reviewed the letter that was received.

There also was communication from the Hanover Shade Tree Commission. He provided a summary of the information contained in this communication. At least some of this communication related to tree root and shading of roots.

Mr. Williams advised about a recent meeting that generally has been held in Cherry Hill, but this time was held in Atlantic City. It was the organization's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a good meeting and the travel there was not bad. Councilwoman Fu also attended this meeting.

### **BUDGET**

Mr. Williams stated there is \$3,000.00 remaining in the budget at this time. The Commission must determine if there are any projects that must be done prior to the end of this year.

## **FORESTER'S REPORT**

Mr. Dubee presented his report:

**70 Sylvan Dr.** – Forester recommended that (1) 24”-36” tree w/stump be taken down. Tree to be placed on worksheet for 2016.

**Winding Way Between #53 and #59** – Forester recommended that (1) 24”-36” tree w/stump be taken down. Tree to be placed on worksheet for 2016.

**56 Burch Drive** – Forester recommended that (1) 12”-24” tree w/stump be taken down. Tree to be placed on worksheet for 2016.

**26 Cutler Road** – Forester stated (2) 12”-24” trees need pruning.

**One Park Way** – Forester stated that a Borough tree on the Jaqui Avenue side of the property the tree appears to be infested and recommends spraying. This can be placed on the worksheet for Spring 2016.

**115 Glenbrook Road** – Forester advised this was for pruning to “correct” work done by the power company. This work can be deferred into 2016.

Cross discussion about trees near the Terreri property at Malapardis Park, including that Mr. Dubee does understand the property owner’s concern, this work was placed on the November Work Sheet, and that necessary pruning will be done now.

Mr. Williams provided commentary stating he hopes the Commission will be able to get through the next few weeks of 2015 with some funds remaining. He advised the Commission is still awaiting word from the tree planting vendor; the locations are staked/marked out. Additional stakes were placed at the 9-11 Memorial.

Brief cross discussion about the trees to be planted at the 9-11 Memorial.

Mr. Williams advised he will contact the tree planting vendor to check on when they will come to the Borough to do the plantings. He and Councilwoman Fu believe they will do the plantings in late November, near Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Fu advised that this weekend Roberts Garden will mark out the three locations for the trees to be planted there. They will probably use small flags instead of stakes. She provided additional information on plantings for Court Road Park and the two Beech trees to be planted there. She commented that that Commission may want to consider planting several trees at Community Park since some trees have been taken down. She will check the Court Road situation. This planting has been significantly smoother since the trees being planted were requested or are replacing others. And, many trees are being planted in parks.

## **APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Travaglia moved that the Purchase Orders be approved, seconded by Mr. Visscher. Voice vote. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2016 Budget**

The Commission Secretary asked that the Commission members review this budget and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting in December.

### **2016 Meeting Calendar**

The Commission Secretary requested that the Commission members also review the 2016 Meeting Calendar dates. She commented that with 2016 being a Leap Year there has been some impact on the dates. She has not made any changes to the scheduling of warm weather meetings for 7:00 p.m. and the cold weather meetings for 2:00 p.m.

Brief discussion about the scheduling of 2016 meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Travaglia moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Visscher. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Karen M. Coffey  
Commission Secretary