

Minutes of the Re-Organization Meeting of the Morris Plains Shade Tree Commission held on January 13, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Borough Chambers. Present at roll call were:

Present: Mrs. Margaret Law
Mr. Donald Salerno, Vice Chairman
Mr. Lawrence Travaglia
Mr. C. David Visscher
Mr. Lloyd Williams, Chairman
Councilwoman Laurie Fu

Absent: Mr. David Dubee

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."

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2016

Mr. Williams turned the meeting over to The Commission Secretary for nominations.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN

Mr. Salerno moved to nominate Mr. Williams for the position of Chairman, seconded by Mr. Travaglia. Hearing no further nomination, the nominations were closed.

Roll Call

Yeas: Mrs. Law, Mr. Salerno, Mr. Travaglia, Mr. Visscher
Nays: None
Abstain: Mr. Williams

Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Travaglia moved to nominate Mr. Salerno for the position of Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Williams. Hearing no further nomination, the nominations were closed

Roll Call

Yeas: Mrs. Law, Mr. Travaglia, Mr. Visscher, Mr. Williams
Nays: None
Abstain: Mr. Salerno

Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR ARBOR DAY CHAIRMAN

Mr. Williams moved that Mr. Travaglia serve as the Chairman for the Arbor Day event, seconded by Mr. Visscher. Hearing no further nomination, the nominations were closed

Roll Call

Yeas: Mrs. Law, Mr. Salerno, Mr. Visscher, Mr. Williams
Nays: None
Abstain: Mr. Travaglia

Motion carried.

Mr. Williams stated the next order of business is to adopt the Resolution to approve meeting dates for 2016.

RESOLUTION

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of Morris Plains in the County of Morris in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. During the year 2016, the regular meetings of the Shade Tree Commission of this Borough shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month, with the exceptions of August, when there will be no meeting; in the months of February, March, November and December at 2:00 P.M. and in the months of April, May, June, July, September and October at 7:00 P.M. and the January, 2017 meeting will be held on the second Wednesday, at 2:00 P.M.
2. All said regular meetings, at which formal action will be taken, will take place in the Council Chambers in the Municipal building at 531 Speedwell Avenue.
3. Exact dates of the aforesaid regular meetings in the year 2016 are: February 3rd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th, and January 11th 2017.
4. At any meeting where an agenda is to be used, said agenda shall be furnished to all persons in attendance at the meeting.
5. All persons are invited to all of the meetings hereinbefore set forth.
6. The Secretary is directed to post prominently and maintain posted throughout the year upon the Bulletin Board in the Borough Hall Annex a certified copy of this resolution. In addition, the Secretary is directed to mail forth a certified copy of this resolution for the publication to the following:
 - a) *Morris News Bee*
 - b) *Morris County Daily Record*

Also the Secretary shall maintain in his/her file a certified copy of this resolution.

7. This resolution is being adopted in order to comply with P.S. 1975 Chapter 231, "Open Public Meetings Act".
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and will be certified by the Commission Secretary, Karen M. Coffey.

Mr. Williams moved that this Resolution be accepted, seconded by Mr. Visscher.

Roll Call

Yeas: Mrs. Law, Mr. Salerno, Mr. Travaglia, Mr. Visscher, Mr. Williams
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Travaglia moved that the minutes of the Commission's December 2, 2015 Regular Meeting be approved as corrected, seconded by Mr. Salerno. Voice vote. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

WORKSHEET

The Commission Secretary advised there are no memorandums; there is only the Worksheet.

35 Beech Drive – Takedown w/stump (1) 12"-24".

115 Glenbrook Road – Prune (1) 12"-24" tree.

70 Sylvan Drive – Stump (1) 26"; removed.

35 Beech Drive – Takedown w/stump (1) 12”-24”.
115 Glenbrook Road – Prune (1) 12”-24” tree.
70 Sylvan Drive – Stump (1) 36”+ removed.
40 Winding Way – Prune (1) 24”-36” tree
Winding Way, between 53 and 59 – Stump (1) 24”-36” removed.

Mr. Salerno moved that a purchased order be for the sites discussed, seconded by Mr. Travaglia. Voice vote. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

REPORT OF COUNCILWOMAN FU

Councilwoman Fu reported that budget discussions will begin very soon. The council’s Re-Organization meeting went very well last week. Having completed their Academy training recently, there are now two new police officers on the roads in the Borough. The prefabricated housing units have arrived at the affordable housing site on Route 53 and some have been put in place. The expectation is that this housing will be ready to be occupied in October 2016 with the plan that applications will start being taken in the spring. The Johnson Road apartment development work will begin soon and the senior housing/assisted living facility project will also begin soon.

Councilwoman Fu reported that recycling will start to be picked every week in July 2016. It will be picked up every Tuesday. The Borough’s Recycling Center will begin to be closed at 12:00 Noon on Saturdays. Electronics recycling has been re-opened. No funds are received for the electronics any more, in fact the Borough must pay to have it hauled away. However, funds are obtained for the Borough from the sale of scrap metal.

Cross discussion about certain items that can or cannot be placed in recycling.

Councilwoman Fu acknowledged Mr. Visscher and his wife on being the winners of the Community Service Award and also being the Grand Marshals of the Borough’s Memorial Day Parade. This year’s Parade will be the 30th one.

The Commission Secretary asked about the Greenwood contract.

Councilwoman Fu will follow up on this matter. She also advised that there are 17 trees left to be planted and will be planted at the affordable housing site. She still must discuss the exact placements for the trees and coordinate the plantings with the construction schedule. She would like them to be planted in the spring.

Mr. Williams commented on the trees that were to be planted at the back of the Borough Garage to replace the trees affected by the salt shed. The trees had been stored on the side, but they are now planted in the Community Gardens temporarily.

There was a brief cross discussion about a tree(s) at Franklin Place and Mountain Way, including that the Commission had agreed to check on the tree in the spring since its variety cannot be determined now.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

Karen M. Coffey
Commission Secretary

Maureen Sullivan
Recording Secretary

