

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Shade Tree Commission held on June 1, 2016 at 7:00 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

Mr. David Dubee  
Councilwoman Laurie Fu

## **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. Salerno moved that the minutes of the Commission's April 6, 2016 Regular Meeting be approved, seconded by Mr. Travaglia. Voice vote. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Williams opened this portion of the meeting to comments from the public. Hearing none, he closed this portion of the meeting.

## **BUDGET**

Mr. Williams advised the current budget balance is \$30,120.40

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **FORESTER'S REPORT**

Mr. Dubee presented his report.

**11 Winding Way** – Forester stated (1) 24"-36" tree needs pruning.

**34 Washington Avenue** – Forester stated (1) 24"-36" tree w/stump needs to be takendown.

**38 Washington Avenue** - Forester stated (1) 24"-36"tree w/stump amd (1) 12"-24" tree w/stump need to be takendown.

**66 Mountain Way on Burch Drive** – Forester stated (1) 24"-36" tree needs to be pruned.

**One Winding Way (property on the corner)** – Forester stated (1) 36"+ needs to be pruned.

**24 Idlewild Drive (on Washington Avenue)** – Forester stated (1) 24"-36" tree needs pruning.

**22 Diana Rd.**– Forester stated (1) 24"-36" tree w/stump needs to be taken down.

**30 Glenbrook Road** – Forester stated the Department of Public Works (DPW) staff will remove this small tree.

**One Juniper Drive** – Forester stated (1) 24”-36” tree w/stump needs to be removed.

**47 Canfield Place** – Forester stated both tree are dead and should be replaced.

**Simons Park (playground)** – Forester stated this tree is dead and should be replaced. It is a Kousa Dogwood.

**41 Headley Avenue** – Forester stated (2) 12”-24” trees need pruning.

**Speedwell Avenue (at Post Office)** – Note on May 25, 2016 memorandum. This tree should be taken down.

**Speedwell Avenue (at Window Trends)** – Note on May 25, 2016 memorandum. These trees should be taken down. The trees are under 12”.

**Speedwell Avenue (at Kitchen Cabinets)** – Note on May 25, 2016 memorandum. This tree appears to be becoming unhealthy.

Cross discussion about some of the trees along Speedwell Avenue. A question was raised about the pavers and whether the DPW staff would be able to help with issues relating to the pavers. Also discussed was the grinding process and the possible use of a backhoe.

Mr. Dubee advised he will discuss the matter of the trees to be removed and the issue about the pavers with Mr. Signorelli.

All the Speedwell Avenue trees also need to have the stumps removed.

Mr. Williams advised he will contact Barbato regarding ordering replacement trees. Mr. Williams remarked on 10 dead trees.

Cross discussion about matters relating to the Speedwell Avenue trees and the ordering of trees from Cerbo or Barbato. There was also some discussion about other locations where trees had previously been planted and whether new trees should be planted in these sites.

Councilwoman Fu provided certain tree planting grant information relating to dates by which trees must be planted (June 15).

Continued cross discussion about tree planting and the snack bar area and playground area at Simons Park.

Mr. Dubee stated “the snack bar area is fine”.

The trees to be added to the list will be the two replacement trees for 47 Canfield Place.

#### **APPROVAL OF WORK ORDER WORK**

Mr. Salerno moved that the work items identified by Mr. Dubee be approved, seconded by Mr. Visscher. Voice vote. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

## **PRESENTATION OF COUNCILWOMAN FU**

Councilwoman Fu commented on the Arbor Day celebration. She also reminded that the Summer Concerts Series will be beginning very soon, the Pool will be opening, and the Memorial Day Parade as well as the Grand Marshal was fantastic.

Councilwoman Fu also advised of the playground equipment that was donated to the Borough by Honeywell. She provided details of the proposed locations where this equipment will be installed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Law commented on the fertilization schedule on the Worksheet.

Mr. Dubee confirmed that he recommends fertilizing in the spring.

Mrs. Law next commented on the matter of discussing what trees should be sprayed. This, too, is on the Worksheet.

Mr. Dubee advised that this process "was taken care of".

The tree with the carpenter ants was added to the Purchase Order.

Mr. Dubee stated he will advised the Commission Secretary tomorrow as to exactly what categories the various treatments fall under.

Councilwoman Fu asked Mr. Dubee about trees showing swelling at the bottom. Do these trees need to be trimmed.

Mr. Dubee explained what this situation is and that some of the trees with it will die while others will be fine.

The "Pearl Law" tree is 36"+.

Mrs. Law asked for information on how the process of fertilizing this tree is actually accomplished.

Mr. Dubee explained how this is done.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Karen M. Coffey  
Commission Secretary