

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2015

A meeting of the Southampton Township Shade Tree Commission was held on May 14, 2015, at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Donna Fascenda at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

A roll call confirmed those Commission members who were present, which included Kit Applegate (by telephone), Donna Fascenda, Douglas Melegari.

Also in attendance were the Township Committee liaison, Ronald Heston, Township Administrator/Clerk, Kathleen Hoffman, and Environmental Committee liaison, Elizabeth Rossell.

Public Notice

Chairwoman D. Fascenda read the following statement: Public Notice of the meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Commission in the following manner: Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board in the municipal building. Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Mailing written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 9, 2015, meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP)

D. Fascenda provided status. One article has been posted to the web site. One additional remains to be prepared. D. Fascenda will follow up with T. Novello regarding status of remaining article.

D. Fascenda advised that Commission needs to start search for grant to create next five-year CFMP plan.

Status of Municipal Tree Plantings, Trimmings & Removals

D. Fascenda and D. Melegari discussed the status of tree trimmings and open-action items list attached to meeting agenda.

Commission members discussed availability of gypsy moth spraying. Commission members also discussed tent caterpillar infestations in the Township and whether Township had the equipment/manpower to conduct spraying on its own. Commission agreed to work on public notice of the issue, including possible inclusion of article on

website, and to investigate what spraying or other resources may be available to address the issue. Separately, D. Fascenda agreed to work on insect infestation report.

Utility Update

Nothing to update with respect to JCP&L, PSE&G, and Verizon. T. Reilly of ACE has agreed to meet with Commission representatives to discuss additional trimmings/removal in the Avenues.

Sustainable NJ

D. Fascenda advised that iTree survey will begin in the Spring in the Village concentrating first on Ash trees. Will also identify hazard trees while doing survey.

Ordinance

D. Fascenda advised that she has heard nothing more with respect to revised ordinance submitted to the Township Committee for consideration.

D. Fascenda advised that T. Gower had resigned and that an advertisement would be placed seeking a replacement for his open seat.

Arbor Day

D. Fascenda provided an overview of the Arbor Day festivities at School No. 1 on April 24, 2005. She advised that there were about 50 extra saplings and that only around 250 should be ordered next year. Six dwarf fruit trees were also accepted by the school for planting in the school garden.

Hours

D. Fascenda advised of the continued need for DPW and volunteers to record their hours.

Public Discussion

None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:00 PM.