

Minutes STC March 10, 2015

Sunshine Law Read

Present: Marguerite Dalton, Jodi Heinz, Peter Hughes, Doug Weaver
Not Present: John Insabella, Christine Papp

Old Business:

- 1) The Management Plan is almost finished. State is still taking its time getting all finished. We have to make sure Alec McCartney from State and Gary Lovallo, who wrote our plan, talk and get all issues settled.
- 2) Minutes are approved from February.

New Business:

- 1) Arbor Day celebration will now be May 3rd due to scheduling conflicts. Time will be from 1-2PM.
 - a) Heinz will contact Lori regarding a flyer to send out to town.
 - b) We want to keep celebration as kid friendly as possible. Coloring book of trees in Arboretum. Project in town hall or poster contest. Possible scavenger hunt. Fun refreshments.
 - c) History of Arboretum. Working on securing a speaker.
 - d) Possibly hand out seedlings. Dalton sent out a request to the Tree Recovery Act for free trees. Depending on which round we make in requests will determine size and amount we can get. If we are lucky, we could get up to 300 trees at 4' high.
- 2) Arboretum revamping:
 - a) Snow is melting so hopefully we can get into the Arboretum soon to see what needs to be done in there.
 - b) Weaver is revamping the Arboretum sign. He is cleaning and repainting.
 - c) Dalton will contact Lisa Simms of NJ Tree Foundation to see what their planting service is about.
 - d) Dalton investigated some pricing for new signs. Heinz and Dalton will go to the sign shop together to investigate more options. We have a small amount of money still left from 2014. We will use this towards new signage on the trees, as the old ones are illegible. At this point, \$18 per sign without

engraving is the best price.

- 3) We will put in our budget request for 2015 to Council.
- 4) There are so many signs lining the street going through the Arboretum on the way into town. Heinz will call the Monmouth County road department to see if there is some consolidation that can be done. People remark all the time how ugly it looks.
- 5) On April 29th the Shade Tree Conference will hold a meeting At the firehouse on Rt 33 from 9AM-12PM. Dalton will attend and we will get CEU's. Weaver might join her.

Meeting adjourned.