

Minutes from Shade Tree Feb 10, 2015

Sunshine Law read

Present: Marguerite Dalton, Jodi Heinz, Christine Papp, John Insabella, Doug Weaver

Not Present: Peter Hughes

Thank you Richard Tilton for your service. You will be missed.

New Member: Most likely Linda Reeves, but she is away until the April meeting

Election of Officers and Jobs:

Dalton and Heinz- Co-Chairs

Hughes- Year End Report and Tree City USA

Heinz- Temporary Secretary

Insabella- Yard of the Month

Old Business:

- 1) Certified Forestry Management Plan still hasn't been accepted by state. Just one section not approved- hopefully it will be looked at soon. The state forestry dept. has less people working there now and things are going very slowly.
- 2) Hughes will submit Annual Report by Feb. 15th.
- 3) Dates for next meetings are:
March 10, April 7, May 12, June 9, Sept 8, Oct.13, and Nov 10.
All at town hall at 7:30PM.
April 26th will be the Arbor Day celebration- No time announced yet.
- 4) Discussed caring for newly planted trees in town and what we will do in spring. Read the letter from Hughes about trees planted. Homeowners will be responsible for watering. Have found that we need to care for 28 and 610 Bridlemere and 315 Bendermere, as homeowners were not watering. For those trees the watering bags will be put back on, so we do not have to water as frequently. We have the old watering bags if homeowners want to place on their trees again.
- 5) Discussed Grasmere Ave stormwater pipe placements. County

will not replace all the trees they took out because the pipe is in the area between the street and sidewalk. Possible replanting of areas that are behind sidewalk and house, but then homeowners would be responsible for all work on trees. Will the county entertain that possibility? Have been told they have no funds right now, but they should be responsible since they took out so many mature trees. They were supposed to replace these trees.

New Business:

- 1) Arbor Day- this will tie in with our theme for the year- to be further discussed in March. Theme is to be Arboretum.
- 2) Street Tree Inventory- We would like to have this done this year, focusing on species and condition of each tree. Maintain a database that could be updated. Possibly done by Clay Ulmstead
- 3) Goals for 2015: Year of the Arboretum.
 - a) Get a general assessment of health of each tree
 - b) Do a landscape plan (we do have blueprints of a plan from years ago- copies were handed out to all members), can loosely follow
 - c) Help trees in need
 - d) Mulch both sides of arboretum
 - e) Get soils tests- both sides
 - f) Plant a tree in honor of Maureen Sobieszczyk. The Garden Club will donate the tree. Date of planting is May 8th, at its regular meeting. Her husband, Tom, and her family will be invited, as well as the STC. Planting location will be determined.
 - g) New signage identifying trees
- 4) Will contact Lisa Simms of the NJ Tree Recovery to see if she can be of help with all projects.

Meeting adjourned