

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

January 11, 2017 Meeting - 7:00 PM
1st Floor Mayor's Conference Room 110

MINUTES

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:05 pm Thom Ritchie
2. **Present-** Tara McQuade, Nancy MacNeill, Bill Brash, Lester Preston, Jeanne Paterson, Thom Ritchie
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Announcement of Open Public Meeting Act**

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, (c231, P.L. 1975) this meeting was announced by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building reserved for that purpose, by mailing such notice to the offices of the official newspapers and the Township and filing such notice with the Township Clerk.

5. **Appointments:** Lester swore Thom Ritchie as Gypsy Moth Coordinator. Thom Ritchie swore Lester Preston as the Shade Tree liaison. Both positions are one year appointments.
6. **Chairperson Nomination:** Nancy nominated Thom Ritchie, Bill Brash seconded. Thom nominated Bill Brash as Vice-Chairperson, Tara seconded the nomination. Thom nominated Tara McQuade Secretary, Bill seconded. All positions were accepted and were unanimously voted upon.
7. **Meeting Minutes:** Nov 2, 2016 were reviewed and discussed. Nancy made a motion to approve, Bill seconded and they were approved.

8. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. iTree Inventory- Bill spoke with Jason Grabowski about the project and he believes he may have 2 students that may be interested in the project. Should we invite Jason to a STC meeting? The project could begin perhaps in late May.
- b. Tree Lists-approved street trees and heritage tree lists discussed to ensure that future issues with problem trees are not on the revised list
- c. Denied TRP at 229 Betsy Ross Drive- site visit results were discussed and it was decided that Thom will communicate his suggestions through Karen to Mrs. Rodriguez

9. **New Business:**

- a. Approval of meeting dates for 2017- Bill made a motion to approve the meeting dates and Jeanne seconded. The calendar was approved.
- b. TRP for Redwood Lane discussed with future CVS- property is zoned commercial and plan was approved.
- c. Shade Tree monthly report-reviewed and discussed

10. **Good and Welfare-** possible Cracker Barrel may be coming to town. Site is along the Burlington Path and has historical significance. Some vegetation may remain to help create a "pocket park" that will highlight the remaining portions of the Cincinnati House, such as showing the foundation and historically correct plantings. Historic Preservation may reach out for assistance from the STC.

11. **Meeting Adjourned** 8:05 pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Tara McQuade

Minutes corrected to reflect item 5, appointments as liaison and gypsy moth coordinator.