

**FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**September 6, 2017 Meeting - 7:30 PM**  
**1st Floor Mayor's Conference Room 110**

**Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** 7:34 pm Thom Ritchie
- 2. Present-** Nancy Mac Neill, Thom Ritchie, Greg Hanley, Bill Brash, Lester Preston, Tara McQuade
- 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. Guests: None**

- 6. Meeting Minutes:** June 7, 2017 were reviewed and discussed. Greg made a motion to approve Thom seconded and they were approved.

**7. Unfinished Business:**

- a. iTree Inventory- the inventory started June 19<sup>th</sup> by Mike Martini and is progressing well. He will continue the inventory 3 days a week and the feedback about his work was extremely positive.
- b. Nancy expressed her wish to learn more about the program.
- c. Tara inquired about the planning of tree planting areas and bids for spring plantings.

**8. New Business:**

- a. Shade Tree Monthly report was reviewed and discussed.
- b. Discussion of replacement of street trees continues. Thom would like to consult with Dave from DPW certain trees that can be saved and pruned for regrowth.
- c. A discussion of how we can inform public through the channel 77 about mulching techniques and other PSA (Public Service Announcements) for tree issues took place. The STC was excited about the potential for community outreach!!!
- d. Lester created a document that outlines the Appeal Process for a Denied Tree Removal Permit. The STC reviewed and discussed the outline and was really optimistic about streamlining the process for homeowners.

- 9. Good and Welfare-** Shade Tree Federation meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Meeting Adjourned** 8:31 pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Tara McQuade