

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

October 4, 2017 Meeting - 7:30 PM
1st Floor Mayor's Conference Room 110

Meeting Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:35 pm Thom Ritchie
2. **Present-** Nancy Mac Neill, Thom Ritchie, 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. **Meeting Minutes:** September 6, 2017 were reviewed and discussed. Nancy made a motion to approve Thom seconded and they were approved. One omission, at the top of the minutes it should reflect the meeting date of 9/6/17.
6. **Guests:** Matt Willis- working on a merit badge for Scouts.
7. **Guests:** Jay Kruse (ESE) and Shari Spero (CME) for 102 single family age restricted homes with club house on the Grossman Property. They are in the last stages of approval with various agencies and are here to discuss the heritage trees on the property. Concerns about the drainage were discussed along with the plan for pumping stations and where sewage will go. Detailed plans and maps were presented for the STC review and the LTE report was discussed. Paul Cowie did the report for the Township and trees (silver maple and a cherry) were discussed along the property line. Trees 2, 4-14, number 23 from the plan (13 total trees) were determined to be Heritage and their value was estimated to be \$50,400. Bill made a motion to accept the amount and Tara seconded the motion. The landscape plan was also reviewed and accepted with a suggested change to cultivar of Arborvitae 'Green Giant' for deer resistance.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - i. iTree Inventory- the inventory continues by Mike Martini and is halfway done. He will continue the inventory at 3 days a week.
9. **New Business:**
 - i. Shade Tree Monthly report was reviewed and discussed.
 - ii. DPMA-a dedicated tree in circle 2 needs replacing. It is a *Halesia caroliniana* and is best dug in the spring and planted then. Bill and Thom will meet and make a list of trees that need replacing so that the list can go out to bid.
 - iii. Karen got the Tree City USA recognition application was submitted on 9/25/17. Thanks for her prompt attention.
 - iv. Stillwells Corner Road-dead trees discussed, no change
10. **Good and Welfare-** Shade Tree Federation meeting October 19th and 20th.
11. **Meeting Adjourned** 8:52 pm
12. Minutes recorded and submitted by Tara McQuade