

MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST LONG BRANCH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Regular Meeting of the Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of West Long Branch was convened on July 11, 2019 in the Borough Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Ellen Whitford
Rachel McCarthy
Eileen Cieri
Melanie Engel (Potential Member)

Shade Tree Commission Meeting 6:30 PM

A. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

B. Administrative Matters:

- April, May and June minutes reviewed and approved.

B. Ongoing Business:

It was determined that there were the following in-kind hours to be logged: EC (3) EW (5) RM (4).

C. Old Business:

1. Renewal of 5 Year NJ Forestry Management Plan

Mr. Brash, consultant helping STC write its new plan attended the meeting.

Under this topic, the following was covered:

- a. Mr. Brash documented goals and accomplishments from June meeting.
- b. Emailed and brought copies to the meeting for STC to review.
- c. An idea was discussed for a WLB hosted forum on Tree Pruning and related topics. The forum would foster community outreach as well help achieve 8-hour STC CEU (educational credits). Ellen to pursue setting up this forum.
 - Dates discussed were week of 9/15-21 or following week. All days, except for Wednesday, are good for Mr. Brash. Ellen to find out about Borough Hall and WLB library availability.
 - The forum is good for CEUs for anyone of any town that attends.
 - We will look to advertise on the Borough website, the Borough Front Sign, The Link and Facebook.
- d. Previously discussed was a goal related to improve Owens property accessibility and use:
 - 'Forest Farming' idea brought up the Seagals (guests at the meeting).
 - Sidewalk access idea brought up the Seagals.
 - Still open in July: STC to investigate funding for a parking lot for the Owens property.
- e. Still open in July: Rachel to follow up on an opportunity for free plants for pollinator meadows as recommended by Mr. Brash. The contact for this is the USDA NRCS,

- based in Freehold.
2. Green Team
 - a. Potential use of a Sustainable Grant for Owens Property. Rachel to look at the Sustainable website.
 3. M.U. Peace Corps Prep Program clean-up at Owens Arboretum
 - a. No update this month.
 4. Tree Planting for 2019
 - a. It was decided that two trees will be planted at Shirvanian (type to be determined) and two at Woolley (type will be Kwanza Cherry).
 5. Site inspections - Public Safety
 - a. JCP&L was going to look at trees on Cedar Avenue. We have no update on that.
 - b. Ellen to ask Jim Miller if anyone was given a summons for Cedar Avenue, Sycamore Trees, as that is part of the report.
 6. Gardening Club Idea
 - a. No update this month.
 7. Meeting Announcements
 - a. For the Neon Sign outside the WLB Borough Hall building on Broadway, Kellie to send email to post Shade Tree Commission meeting, date and time each month. Send to post one week before the meeting dates.
 - b. Kellie to request updates to member names and meeting dates on the Website as well.
 8. Magnolia Tree at Franklin Lake
 - a. Holmdel Nursery looked at and confirmed that it needs to be replaced. Holmdel nursery to replace in the Fall. Tree type to be determined.

D. New Business:

- Cubero Court
 - a. Trees were removed without application. Jim Miller followed up on this issue with residents.

E. Public Comment

- None

F. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Ellen and approved by all at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kellie Campbell
STC Secretary