



PRINCETON SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES Tuesday, December 19, 2017

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Princeton Shade Tree Commission (PSTC) was convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 in Monument Hall. S. Ainsworth, Chair opened the meeting in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Section 5, Chapter 231, P.L. 275. In conformance with the requirements of the Law, Notice was provided of the date, time and location of this regular meeting by posting a copy of the adopted Schedule of Regular Meetings in the Monument Hall and Witherspoon Buildings, by mailing copies to the Trenton Times, Princeton Packet, and Town Topics and by filing a copy in the Office of the Clerk of Princeton.

PRESENT: S. Ainsworth, Welmoet Bok van Kammen, Ray Devoe, Pat Frawley, Patricia Hyatt, Alexandra Radbil, Janet Stern

ABSENT: Victoria Airgood, Lily Krauss, Ben Strauss (Recording Secretary)

ALSO PRESENT: Lorraine Konopka, Arborist

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

November 28, 2017 (tabled to January 23, 2018 meeting)

BUDGET

Nothing to Report.

Discussion:

Shade Tree Trust Reserve:

V. Airgood will be the Lead on developing Standards, Criteria and Guidelines to utilize funds.

Discussions:

- Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad Site Plan - is not removing the Oak trees. Feeling is that the younger Members of the Squad will be able to maintain the rain gardens and landscape.
- Ash tree adopted by Bartlett Tree Experts at the Memorial Bench Park - fertilized in November 2017; concern about funds available to inject Ash trees in the Spring 2018.
- QR Codes for Plaques on Trees - P. Frawley, W. Bok van Kammen, and A. Radbil will work on text and attachment to trees. L. Konopka voiced apprehension of the program along streets in town noting that since Marquand Park is a recognized Arboretum and has plaques, why are more needed. She also reminded Members that Princeton Administration would have to review and approve the project – including installation and maintenance of the plaques.
- “Code for Princeton” – Princeton University student Shaun Ellis will not have access to Davey Tree Keeper as an Administrator; W. Bok van Kammen will be the contact. L. Konopka stated that Princeton Administration should be kept informed of this project and Board of Education approval/partnership should be formalized if working on school grounds.
- I-Tree (Eco Program) – W. Bok van Kammen has visited and discussed this program with the Environmental Commission. Discussion: current inventory, status, mapping, validity. All agreed that any information shared with anyone will include a statement regarding the inaccuracies of the data.
- New Municipal Website - J. Stern and W. Bok van Kammen met with Christina Illif-Rothman, Project Manager concerning the new Municipal Website. Discussion: the “.org” website will be deleted; the Municipal Website is being totally reformatted for all Departments; Members were asked to visit the current Shade Tree Website to review and make suggestions on what should remain or be deleted; J. Stern and W. Bok van Kammen are expecting training in January, R. Devoe volunteered to join the training; the desire to maintain the “.org” Website and not have it deleted; is there a “counter” to learn how many “hits” the Municipal and Shade Tree Websites receive.
- Site Plan Review Submission Revision(s) – Any edits/changes made to Site Plan Reviews must be submitted to J. Most by the original author.

OTHER

The following items will be included for the January 23, 2018 Meeting Agenda:

- Sunshine Dates
- Review of November 28, 2017 Minutes
- Budget Review

S. Ainsworth requested that all Members forwarded their individual volunteer hours to her for the State Year End Report.

Members acknowledged Bernie Millers years of service to the Community and his dedication to the Shade Tree Commission noting that an American Elm Tree will be planted at Monument Park, 1 Monument Drive near the Einstein Statue in dedication of his service. B. Miller was very appreciative and would like to attend when the tree is planted and thanked all the Members for their hard work and dedication to the Commission and the Community.

Members brought delicious homemade cookies and coffee for the Holidays and to wish B. Miller farewell.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m. P. Frawley moved to adjourn the meeting. J. Stern seconded.
The Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted January 10, 2018
Lorraine Konopka
Arborist/Open Space Manager

Adopted: