

STC Minutes 12/18/14

Under the Sunshine Law "Adequate Notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December , 2014 to THE RECORD and THE RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPER, by positioning on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall, and filing a Notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk

Start: 7:00pm

- Roll call: present-Charlie Amorese, Jim Bieber, Margot Pohl, Henry Semmler, liz stewart, Councilwoman Murphy, Chris Ilg
Absent- Jennifer Dougherty, Liz Anievas
- Approved minutes from 11/20/14

Budget

- 2014 budget complete --all PO's submitted
- 2015 Budget submitted
- RE open space for January – Councilwoman Murphy thinks the meeting will be in the beginning of February

Construction/Development:

- # 31 Bonds on file
- Total Wine – have not heard any communication about planting
- Howland Ave paving -1st phase complete. Reached out to Rob Costa to follow up with tree deposit from contractor.

Correspondence:

- Tennis Cts: Pine trees – as per M&C trees being removed. \$4,550 set aside for re-planting a screen.

Meeting & training update:

- NJSTF – liz will sit on the Board again for a 1yr term

Other:

- Councilwoman Murphy received a thank-you from a resident on 7th ave for acting quickly to evaluate a tree

Tree Planting 2014:

- State Inspection being set for January
- Trees planted by ball fields – discussed with Recreation representative, Chris Ilg. 2 of the trees in question by the north field are direct replacements for 2 large mature oak trees that were removed. The 3rd tree in question by the recreation office was placed there to soak up a large puddle that forms. We decided to keep this tree to see how it does. It was also a replacement for 3 large trees that were removed in that area, by the hockey rink was more of a question of why didn't we plant more trees there instead of by the north field. The discussion included verbal restrictions previously set by the Recreation Commission that STC adheres to for planting in the parks and the limited space this makes available for planting. We do carefully think out planting spots prior to planting. The Shade Tree Commission is also under state guidelines to follow the 5-yr Management Plan and must meet requirements to restock trees within town and the parks to keep status. We discussed the need for everyone to compromise and share the park.

On-going Projects/5-year plan:

- Tree Tagging in Arboretum
- Arbor Gards –continue remove from trees
- RESTC pamphlet – revise and put in library and at Borough Hall.

DPW update:

- Behind on tree work due to other work needed in town. Doing removals after holidays

End: 8:15pm

- Year-to-day
 - Workorder update: 246
 - Trees pending planting to date: 684+
 - Stump list to date: to be recounted...

*** next meeting date Thurs. 1/15/15 at 7pm***

THE SHADE TREE

A BI-MONTHLY BULLETIN DEVOTED TO NEW JERSEY'S SHADE TREES

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Director's Discourse

Responsibilities of an Executive Board Member of the NJSTF
Class of 2014 Certified Tree Experts Announced

CTE Page: Cracks Can Cause Hazards in Trees

William J. Porter Award of Appreciation Announced

Electricity and Trees: Not Perfect Together

DIRECTOR'S DISCOURSE

By Donna Massa

Thank you to all who attended our 89th Annual Conference this past October. We hope that you enjoyed great hospitality, more than satisfying food and accommodations and found the conference to be most informative. The Federation was proud to host 664 attendees over the 2-day period. If you are not attending the Federation conference you are certainly missing out on quality time spent with individuals who know and care about shade trees – there are a lot of us!



→ Congrats to Kenneth Morse of River Edge DPW and Matthew Jamicky, arboricultural student at Rutgers University, this year's recipients of the William J. Porter Arboricultural Scholarship. We applaud the accomplishments of both of you and wish you much success with your future careers in the arboriculture industry.

We are entering a year of celebration! The 90th Annual Conference this year will be held at **Bally's in Atlantic City** October 23rd and 24th, 2015. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. It is an event that should not be missed. Join us as we celebrate 90 Years of serving municipalities and the tree industry! We work hard to design a two-day program for the conference that will meet the needs of the municipal employees and volunteers as well as professionals in the tree industry. Stay tuned for more detailed information about this year's conference as the year progresses.

There is a vacancy on the NJ Shade Tree Federation Executive Board. Take a look at the "Responsibilities of a Board Member" as presented in this issue of "The Shade Tree". If interested in serving on the Board, tell us about