

**MINUTES OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
September 8, 2016**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the Cranbury Township Shade Tree Commission was held in Town Hall, 23A North Main Street, Cranbury, on September 8, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Kathy Easton, chair of the Shade Tree Commission, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. and Wendy Borg acted as the Recording Secretary of the meeting.

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on December 1, 2015, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Kathy Easton, Bonnie Larson, Norma Swale, Lee Nissen and Christine Quinn were present.

**NON MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jackie Johnson, resident

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 2, 2016 and June 13, 2016 meetings were amended and approved on a motion by Kathy Easton; seconded by Lee Nissen. Bonnie Larson abstained on the June 13 minutes. All others were in favor. Motions carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Community Forestry Plan –

Volunteer Work Hours – Ms. Quinn worked four hours; Mrs. Larson worked six hours; Ms. Easton worked 25 hours; Mrs. Swale worked four hours.

Ms. Easton contacted Paul Cowie to present a workshop on young tree structural pruning. DPW will be invited to attend Mr. Cowie's workshop.

Tree hazard management is on-going.

EAB in Cranbury – Trees have been counted and measured since June.

Infected trees include:

In Four Seasons -

114 in ROW

22 in common areas (Old Cranbury Road, Old Trenton Road)

\*All have a caliper 4 - 12 inches

In town -  
12 in ROW in different neighborhoods – most are sick or hazardous  
Evans Drive – 38” Ash is hazardous  
Maplewood – 38” Ash  
Prospect - 15” Ash is very sick  
South Main Street - 7 Ash trees north of Danser Drive

The 114 infected ash trees need to be removed.

Ms. Easton will compile a report with these statistics. Ms. Marabello has asked for pricing on tree removal. The Commission believes DPW should obtain this information. Ms. Easton will report to the Township Committee at their meeting to go forward with removal.

A program on EAB will be held at the public library on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. A video will be shown. Ms. Easton and Mrs. Larson will moderate.

Tree Planting Plan–The rough plan is to start filling the holes from the middle of town and then branching out Main Street. Secretary will advise Finance department to encumber budget monies.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Tree inquiries–

- 1) 22 Maplewood - Oak - has been trimmed very thinly; very tall
- 2) 15 Maplewood – hazardous tree
- 3) Corner of Main and Bunker Hill - Oak infected with BLS - needs to be placed on high priority on the hazardous tree list
- 4) 32 and 34 Evans –several hazardous trees
- 5) 23 Stockton - Red Maple hazardous
- 6) Heritage Park – DPW removed several trees behind a South Main Street resident. The Parks Commission would like recommendations on what to replant there. STC would like the PC to check the tree recommendation exhibits on the township website.
- 7) Cheney/Hagerty development – No devil strip but trees will probably be in ROW; Fire department concerned about canopy coverage and trucks getting through.

Rutgers/Cowie Urban Tree Project - Motion by Kathy Easton to recommend Paul Cowiefor a research project by drilling street trees to document average life expectancy; seconded by Lee Nissen. Ms. Easton will advise him to let Town Hall and the Police know when he is in town completing the project.

Fall newsletter–Submission will be about the EAB plan.

Tree removal - Two hazardous oak trees were taken down on Maplewood Avenue. Nelson Tree Company has been in town pruning trees near power lines.

Ms. Easton reminded Commissioners that if they observe any dangerous hangars or other hazards, to email her and Jerry Thorne, so the trees can be attended to in a timely manner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** None

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business, motion duly made by Kathy Easton, seconded by Christine Quinn, and carried, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 1:03p.m.

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify, that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Shade Tree Commission, and that this document, consisting of three (3) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on September 8, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

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Wendy W. Borg, Secretary