

**Freehold Township Shade Tree Commission**  
**April 6, 2016 Meeting 7:30 pm**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mayor's Conference Room 110**

**Minutes**

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:35 Thom Ritchie
2. **Present-** Nancy MacNeill, Bill Brash, Jeanne Paterson, Thom Ritchie, Tara McQuade, Greg Hanley
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Announcement of Open Public Meeting Act-**Observed
5. **Meeting Minutes-** March 2, 2016 minutes were read aloud Nancy made a motion to approve, Jeanne seconded. Approval was unanimous.
  - a. **January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes need to be voted on in May.** We will need the copies in the packet if possible.
6. **Guests-none present**
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. **Grant applications-** discussed by Bill Brash. The main focus would be on EAB and high risk maple trees. DPW may partner up with Rutgers grad students to use iTree to assess the inventory and gauge our town's tree resources. Bill broke down the expenses for the project, training and labor for 2, totaling the hours to 833. This is based on a \$10,000 grant that he is trying to acquire from the NJDEP.
  - b. **NJCFMP #4-** management plan looks good and was approved and it is going to print. The map and photos look good and Paul Cowie did a good job!
  - c. **Plan to prepare for EAB-** no change
  - d. **Arbor Day 2016-** Applegate School Friday April 29th. Locations and tree types discussed. Predigging holes at CRAS should be on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Greg Hanley has the Serviceberry dug and it is about 10-12 feet. Bill will pick up seedlings at State nursery. The **STC wants to use money** in the account to donate a shade tree to the school since multiple sites are available. We need to ask Lester about how to get money freed up for the purchase a maple.
  - e. **DPMA Arbor Day 2016-** Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> Tree Selection was Magnolia 'Little Gem' donated by Thom Ritchie. Education about planting, caring and mulching trees will be planned. Tara will look into the Pack 358 Cub scouts for the Flag Ceremony, trash cleanup and possible badge for outreach.
  - f. **Updates to Twp. Web Site-**tabled the brochure
  - g. **Resolution for Freehold Crossing-**We have not seen this report and no guests were present. Further information required to answer questions about the proposed tree removal and no guests were available to clarify.
8. **New Business**
  - a. **Shade Tree Monthly Report-** Reviewed and discussed
  - b. **Correspondence-** none
  - c. **Good and Welfare-** Monmouth County Forum was today and Nancy and Thom both attended. Topics such as EAB, southern pine beetle and Viburnum leaf beetle were discussed.
9. **Adjourned at 9:07**

Minutes recorded and submitted by Tara McQuade