

Freehold Township Shade Tree Commission
September 7, 2016 Meeting 7:30 pm
1st Floor Mayor's Conference Room 110

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:33 Thom Ritchie
2. **Present-** Thom Ritchie, Tara McQuade, Lester Preston, Bill Brash, Greg Hanley
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Announcement of Open Public Meeting Act-Observed**
5. **Meeting Minutes-**
 - a. **June 1st minutes** Greg made a motion to approve, Thom seconded. No further discussion or comments, all were in favor.
6. **Guests: None**
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **i-Tree inventory-use of the township shade tree fund monies to be used for this inventory was discussed, again.** Grant was denied, and we are in need of the project to move forward. Inventory for 2017 summer project would be great.
 - b. **Tree lists: Approved Street and Heritage Trees for website discussed.** The pages in the tree list have formatting issues and additions will be made by Bill Brash. Bill will fix everything. He will call Jeanne and discuss the STC links and addendums.
8. **New Business**
 - a. **Shade Tree Monthly Report-** Reviewed and discussed
 - b. **Correspondence-** NJ Shade Tree Federation annual conference discussed
 - i. Site inspection possibly for Old Mill Road in response to CTE report to confirm the measurements and non-heritage status of trees and site
 - c. **Participation in resistograph tree age study discussed.** A motion was made by Bill Brash to support participation in the study and Greg seconded it.
9. **Good and Welfare-** discussion about the need for the permit process to be streamlined ensued. Lester will fix everything else! We would like to simplify the applications so they are electronic and appeals can be made more rapidly. STC would appreciate the prior notice on guests and their requests so we have time to visit site.
10. **Adjourned at 8:58**

Minutes recorded and submitted by Tara McQuade