



# PRINCETON SHADE TREE COMMISSION

## **MINUTES** **Tuesday, May 26, 2015**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Princeton Shade Tree Commission (PSTC) was convened at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 in Monument Hall. S. Hiltner 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:** Sharon Ainsworth, Pat Frawley, Steve Hiltner, Lily Krauss, Pam Machold,  
Bernie Miller

**ABSENT:** Victoria Airgood, Joanne Diez, Alexandra Radbil, Janet Stern

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lorraine Konopka, Arborist; Sandy Bell, Acting Secretary

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Bloom, 42 White Pine Lane was present to speak regarding the tree removal at 31 Locust Lane. Discussion ensued concerning: Contractor registration; numbers of trees removed; replacement trees; negotiation of replanting with Contractor for fewer but larger trees; owner of property submitting new replacement plan. L. Krauss will contact Robert Kiser, Municipal Engineer obtain Developer information.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the April 28, 2015 meeting were approved as amended by affirmation vote of all those present.

### **BUDGET**

Nothing new to report.

## **BUSINESS**

### **11 Green Street Tree Removal Denial**

S. Hiltner reviewed the request of April 28, 2015 where the Applicant requested to remove a Zelkova tree so a crane could gain access for the installation of a modular home. Discussion ensued concerning existing site plan; pros of building a modular home; driveway location. P. Machold and P. Frawley requested the Commission focus on the merits of the tree removal for the project. P. Frawley moved to deny the tree removal; L. Krauss seconded. The Motion passed with four in favor and one against.

### **256/266 Shady Brook Lane Update**

L. Konopka presented an update as to the neighbor's dispute. S. Hiltner stated that there was no action required on the part of Shade Tree as it is in the hands of the Attorneys.

### **436 Mount Lucas Additional Tree Removal Request**

L. Konopka presented the additional tree removal request. Discussion ensued concerning: public vs. private property and the relevance; importance of request being fair. P. Frawley moved to support L. Konopka's original recommendation of eight trees allowed for removal, five denied except to also allow the one tuple tree in poor condition. L. Krauss seconded. S. Ainsworth amended the Motion that it should be added in writing that the tree to be saved must be identified and a property walk with L. Konopka should be made to remind the Contractor of penalties for cutting that is not permitted as there is the potential for miscommunication which must be eliminated. A careful request should be made that a member of the Shade Tree be present at the time of cutting. The Amended Motion passed unanimously.

### **12 Lytle Street**

L. Konopka stated that there will be demolition at this property and the London Plane tree has branches encroaching on the demolition. The demolition and construction approvals are upcoming. L. Konopka stated that the Shade Tree Commission must demand protection for the tree although the decision did not need to be made immediately.

### **Shade Tree Liaison to Environmental Commission**

Tabled as not enough Members present to discuss and appoint. Discussion ensued concerning: asking Environmental Commission for their Minutes; if there is interest from Shade Tree Commission on a specific topic a Member attends the meeting. S. Hiltner will contact Environmental Commission Chair to discuss. P. Frawley requested an Agenda Item at the next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss Open Space and Parks Task Force.

### **Task List/Working**

Tabled as not enough Members present to discuss.

### **Davey Tree Keeper Technical Support**

L. Konopka stated we now have Level 7 Technical Support. The cost was \$1,350.00.

### **Tables for Tree Replacements**

Tabled as not enough Members present to discuss.

### **Photographic Record of Trees During Site Visits by Arborist**

L. Konopka stated she is now taking photos of trees during site visits.

### **Site Visits Prior to Meetings**

S. Hiltner stated the importance of Shade Tree Commission Members visiting sites as it pertains to Agenda Items prior to meetings.

### **Realtor Brochure**

P. Frawley stated work is continuing on the Realtor Brochure.

### **Website Update**

S. Ainsworth stated work is continuing on the updating of the Website.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:45 p.m. P. Frawley moved to adjourn the meeting. L. Krauss seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted October 20, 2015  
Janice S. Most

Adopted: October 27, 2015