

CHATHAM BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

January 19, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Chairman Patrick Carroll called this Regular Meeting of the Chatham Shade Tree Commission to order at 7:30 p.m., Room 301, Upper Level, Chatham Municipal Building. The Open Public Meetings Act was read aloud.

Name	Present	Absent
Patrick Carroll (Chrmn.)	X	
John Barton	X	
Fran Drew		X
Colleen Truppo	X	
Thomas E. Boyle		X
Kenneth Fekete	X	
Christopher Jadro	X	
Dean Wilson	X	
Kristy Chmura	X	
Tony Torello		X
Council Member James Collander	X	

Public Comment

No one came forward.

Resolution #16-01

The Shade Tree Commission Annual Meeting Schedule for the year 2016 was unanimously approved.

Resolution #16-02

The Designation of official newspapers for the publication of legal notices was unanimously approved.

Resolution #16-03

The following individuals were unanimously approved as officers for the calendar year 2016.

Patrick Carroll – Chairperson

John Barton – Vice Chair

Liz Holler – Recording Secretary

Resolution #16-04

The amended meeting minutes of November 15, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Liaison Reports

Council Member James Collander was introduced as the new liaison for the Shade Tree Commission.

Council Member Collander made an opening statement about how he looked forward to working with the commission and how he hoped to help improve communications with the commission and the borough council.

Council Member Collander discussed how he hoped to work closely with Mr. Carroll on establishing the 2016 budget to account for treatment of EAB and informed the commission how the budget process would work.

2015 Plating Status

Mr. Carroll informed the group that 48 Trees were planted during 2015. He also informed the group that he already had requests for 2016.

2015 Continuing Education Status

Mr. Fekete informed the Commission that we should have about 8-10 CE credits for 2015 which means that we've met our minimum requirement. Mr. Fekete stressed that if everyone would take at least

one class, we could have our CE credits accomplished much earlier in the year.

Lum Tree Discussion

Mr. Carroll informed the committee that former Commission Chair, Matt Petitjean was going to inspect the Scarlet Oak in Lum Field as he is a trained tree professional.

In advance of that inspection, Mr. Carroll asked that the following motion be introduced:

The Shade Tree Commission recommends that a fence be installed around the drip line of the Scarlet Oak in Lum Field.

Mrs. Truppo introduced the motion, Mr. Fekete seconded the motion and the Shade Tree Commission unanimously voted in agreement.

Forestry Management Plan

Mr. Carroll explained that Mr. Linson had completed the community forestry management plan and that it had been submitted to the Mayor and Council for review.

Annual Report

Mr. Barton explained that he was making good progress on the report and that he believed it would be submitted on time.

EAB Communication Plan

Mrs. Truppo and Ms. Chmura offered to help with the communication to the community regarding treating for EAB.

Mr. Carroll stated that he had been working with Council Member Collander on securing a budget to treat approximately 95 trees including the Ash Trees on Rowan Road.

Spring Planting

Mr. Carroll expressed his desire to continue working on the tree planting. Mr. Wilson offered to help as well. Mr. Carroll said that once the budget was approved, he would start working on the planting, with an eye towards aggressively planting in the areas where there were a lot of Ash trees.

Arbor Day Events

Mr. Jadro volunteered to oversee the Arbor Day Events for 2016. He expressed a desire to continue the 4th Grade Program that was conducted in 2015.

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Shade Tree Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., Room 301, Upper Level, Chatham Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Recording Secretary