

City of Plainfield
Shade Tree Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 28, 2017 - 7:30 pm
Plainfield City Hall, 515 Watchung Ave., Second Floor Conference Room
Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Peter Simone, Mary Burgwinkle, Jan Massey and Oscar Riba. Vanessa Doman, Barbara Spellmeyer and Kelley Boero are excused.

2. **Open Public Meeting Act:** Publication was handled by the Planning Division.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The Commissioners reviewed the minutes of the May 24, 2017 meeting and they were approved.

4. **Shade Tree Commission Items:**

STC Budget

The budget for this year is \$30,600.00. STC has spent \$2,010.96 so far.

Greening of Union County

Mr. Simone reported that Barbato will do tree replacement for the trees lost in the fall planting. He reminded the Commissioners that we need to select 26 tree sites each for Wards 1, 2 and 3.

2017 Arbor Day

Mr. Simone reported that the Osmanthus (variegated holly) have been ordered for \$1,000 and will be installed at the YMCA.

2017 CSIP Grant plantings and maintenance

The state inspector of the trees that were planted asked to have the mulch volcanos around the trees made into a donut shape by moving the mulch away from the root flare of the tree. Ms. April Stefel of Planning Division asked Queen City Pride activist group to take this on as a project, and they did the work.

STC/Planning Board site applications

Mr. Simone reported the following:

712-716 Shiloh Court-Little Leaf Lindens have been planted there, but 5 are ruttled and need to be taken out. There are two houses with no trees.

551 Belvidere Ave.-Hedge Maples are recommended

48 Birch Ave.-Hedge Maple has been requested

1000 North Avenue-recommended taking out large maples and planting Hedge or Amur maple

712 W. 3rd Street-Ms. Burgwinkle will take a look at the application

Plainfield Roadway Improvement Projects

2016 tree replacement:

Mr. Simone has told the engineer about the dead trees from 2016

2017 tree removal and selection: Hillside Ave., W. 3rd St., Central Ave., Stelle Ave.

Mr. Simone reported that many of the road improvements this season involved milling and repaving, and that deep excavation for curb replacement might only happen on a small number of streets such as Hillside Avenue. The engineering firm has not been responsive. Ms. Burgwinkle will contact the Mayor, City Administrator and Public Works Director to ask for information on which streets will undergo curb replacement and for watering of the new trees in Ward Four.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm. The next meeting will be held on July 26, 2017 at 7:30 pm.