

# Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### February 22, 2016

**Attendees:** Melanie Palmer Burdorf, Tom Malinousky, Peter O'Neill, Guy Piserchia, Paul Tamburri, Mary DeLello (recorder)

**Absent:** Don Farnell, Phyllis Fast, and Susan Jeans

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by Melanie.

**Approval of November minutes:** approval of November 16, 2015 postponed until next meeting.

#### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** \$9,787.14 is the same balance. Independent commissions need to file and the STC isn't independent commission. Township attorney says STC should file. Peter disagrees with Township Attorney. Guy will ask League of Municipalities attorney if STC should file Financial Form status. Guy doesn't believe the form has been sent out yet for 2016.
- 2. Administer Oath of Office to Paul Tamburri and Tom Malinousky:** Done and Guy signed forms.
- 3. Hazardous Tree I.D. Course Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at Rutgers:** Melanie handed out information.
- 4. Environmental Day at Millington School May 17<sup>th</sup> or May 18<sup>th</sup> as rain date:** Need volunteers to help Susan. Paul is a tentative yes.
- 5. Challenge Grant Program for the spring:** Confirmed that STC wants to do the Challenge Grant.
- 6. Review our Tree Ordinance:** Guy Piserchia gave background on tree ordinance. Public property portion passed. Private side did not pass which included that 3 healthy trees per property can be cut down per year. State Supreme Court said municipality can dictate what people can or cannot do on private property with regard to tree removal. Guy would like to revisit tree ordinance and will state at Township meeting that the STC is looking in to it. Suggestion made that Susan could get in touch with David Welch for recommendation for tree expert. Suggestion that Susan get prior proposed ordinance to everyone before next meeting. Guy might have ordinance from 2/17/11 that he will distribute.
- 7. Update on Golden Application Meeting:** Guy doesn't have any new information.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Financial Disclosure Forms for 2016:** see above
- 2. Application for development at 78 Gates Avenue, Gillette:** postponed until Don can update commission.
- 3. Application of 109 Basking Ridge Road, Millington:** no information

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Peter moved, Paul seconded, all in favor.

▶ Next meeting: **Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Library.**

Submitted by,  
Mary DeLello, Recorder