



Westwood Shade Tree Committee

Meeting Minutes Westwood Borough Hall July 12, 7:00PM

Present: Gil TenHoeve - President
Fred Rella - Secretary
Beth Staples
Jeff Ocher
Beth Dell - Council Liaison (for Chris Montana)

Absent: Chris Montana
(Council Liaison)

- Gil TenHoeve called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- Gil introduced Beth Dell (Westwood Councilwoman) who was subbing for Chris Montana who could not attend.
- Gil led a discussion on the mission and objectives of the Shade Tree Committee.
 - We need to establish/potential update our Mission and Objectives from prior Shade Tree Committees
 - Gil would be meeting with various Borough Department Heads to gain background information (i.e. DPW, Clerk, Recreation).
 - We would discuss/finalize this at our next meeting.
- Gil was going to acquire a copy of the budget for 2016 which would give us an accounting of current dollars we have and future anticipated funding.
- A discussion was brought up on having a person from the State (Urban and Community Forestry) come in to give a Shade Tree 101 discussion.
 - This would assist with participation within the Sustainable NJ program.

- Would be educational to our Committee Members about numerous activities/strategies that can be accomplished
- We need to review the current Tree Ordinance for potential modification
 - A copy would be given to us at the next meeting.

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- Gil led a discussion on the Fall 2016 Tree Planting Program
 - Need to determine dates
 - Need to determine specific program to implement
 - Need to determine types of trees to be planted
 - Need to acquire a copy of last years program
 - Program to be discussed and hopefully finalized at the next Shade Tree meeting.
- Gil opened the meeting to new business:
 - Fred Rella spoke to the status of the Eagle Scout project in Westvale Park
- Beth Dell stated how she enjoyed participating in the committee meeting and would enjoy participating in future meetings if requested to do so.
- A motioned to close the meeting was made by Jeff Ocher, seconded by Beth Staples, all agreed.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

