

City of Plainfield
Shade Tree Commission
Minutes (Notes) of Regular Meeting of July 25, 2018 - 7:30 pm
Plainfield City Hall, 515 Watchung Ave., Second Floor Conference Room
Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

Regular Monthly Meeting:

Standing Agenda:

Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were Mary Burgwinkle and Vanessa Doman. The other commissioners were excused. Quorum was not present

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

Minutes of June 27, 2018 Meeting: Quorum not present to vote.

CEU Count and Review: Ms. Burgwinkle and Ms. Doman discussed a USDA webinar attended by Ms. Doman. The subject was an interesting twist on forestry, discussing job opportunities available for persons without a degree. The forestry industry (this webinar was from California) is trying to modernize and recruit minorities and women. Three groups took part in the webinar. Ms. Burgwinkle reminded Ms. Doman that when a certificate is received from the USDA, it must be emailed to Shannon.hart@dep.nj.gov as STC CEUs are given by the NJ Urban and Community Forestry group at DEP in NJ. If the Certificate has not been received in four weeks, email jilljohnson@fs.fed.us to ask for status.

Budget uses this month: None, with Greening of Union County Grant and trimming estimates coming up later in the year.

Business Agenda:

Arbor Day Follow Up/GUC for fall: Ms. Burgwinkle brought a list of planting locations and a map of W4 for location of 6 more planting sites. Ms. Doman, a resident of W4, will look for 4 planting locations.

Removal/Replacement of 2016 Road Improvement Trees: Dead Trees still theres, Ms. Burgwinkle sent another email to Doug Johnson of Remington Vernick, the engineering firm that hired the contractor.

Tree Keepers Workshop: Was held at the Library on Monday evening, July 23rd. Presented by NJ Tree Foundation, publicized in Plainfield by STC in blogs and Tapinto and City website. 31 Plainfielders attended and the event was well received by them. Ms. Burgwinkle sent a memo and materials to Ms. Stefel for the STC archives and reporting.

Other Business: Ms. Doman and Ms. Burgwinkle looked at plans for 813-815 So. Second Street, application pending before ZBA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2018 at 7:30 pm.