

**Environmental / Shade Tree Commission
Beachwood Municipal Complex
1600 Pinewald Road**

**May 16, 2016 – Minutes
7:00 PM**

Call to Order and Flag Salute were led by Chairman Schmidt.

Opening Statement: Ladies and Gentlemen, pursuant to the applicable portions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given. The schedule of this meeting of the Environmental Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of Beachwood is listed in the notice of meetings posted on the Bulletin Board located in the Municipal Complex Building and delivered to the Asbury Park Press on January 20, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Bird, Sarah McNabb, Carl Schmidt

ALSO PRESENT: Councilman Zakar

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Theresa Nielsen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

RESOLUTION # 2016-9 Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2016 meeting:

Motion: Ms. McNabb Second: Ms. Bird
Approve: All Oppose:
Abstain:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Schmidt reviewed the Tree Distribution on April 22, 2016 at Mayo Park:
He reported that twenty nine people picked up trees. Approximately, 150 trees had been distributed. Those who had attended (Carl Schmidt, Maria Bird, Sarah McNabb, and Theresa Nielsen) agreed the location was ideal. Sarah McNabb proposed that the tree distribution be held on Earth Day every year since it would coincide with school programs.

Chairman Schmidt stated that Mrs. Pat Zakar had picked up 60 trees for a Girl Scout event on Wednesday, May 11th.

The remaining trees will go to the Boy Scouts for planting in Waretown.

2. Renewal of the Beachwood Lodge Fountain:
Chairman Schmidt and Maria Bird had begun "ground breaking" of the fountain located in Mayo Park on Sunday, April 30th. They had dug out the outer ring soil and gravel, as well as, a portion of the inner ring. The fountain pipe was exposed showing a great deal of rust. Maria took various photos to capture the progression of the restoration.

Chairman Schmidt had mentioned at the April Republican Meeting that the excavation of the Fountain soil was tedious and hoped to obtain some help. This request brought assistance from

the Beachwood Public Works Department. A crew had dug out approximately two (2) feet of dirt and leveled the inner ground.

A meeting with Jack Fernandez of Sage Construction, Chairman Schmidt, Councilman Zakar, Maria Bird, and Theresa Nielsen occurred on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at the fountain. Members of the Environmental Shade Tree Commission presented their desire to have the fountain operational by July 1, 2016. Mr. Fernandez felt it was possible. He proposed placing a rubber mat as the base of the fountain and covering with river stone. Water would be at a depth to operate a recycling pump and fountain jet. Walking the area around the fountain, a water and electrical source was found by the gazebo. Further inspection of the fountain found the need for cosmetic repairs and painting of the top of the rings. The outside of the fountain would require power washing.

A brief discussion occurred regarding the pavers that would be used for a walkway toward the fountain and around it. An estimate of 300 pavers was given by Mr. Fernandez. Mr. Zakar mentioned he had spoken with Barre Monuments about engraving of the pavers and they had estimated the cost to be \$ 52.00. Mr. Fernandez found that this was a reasonable estimate after a brief call to an associate who also did engraving. A suggestion was made that Mr. Zakar return to discuss a lower rate with Barre Monuments since it was proposed there would be approximately 150 pavers to engrave. It was agreed by all present that the engraved pavers would only be installed on the walkway to the fountain.

Review of the Saturday meeting at the fountain at the Environmental Shade Tree Commission Meeting brought up the necessity of a promotion to sell the pavers once an engraver was engaged. Pricing of the pavers, size 6" x 12", would be \$ 100.00. A trust fund for monies collected was proposed.

- *Ed Zakar to discuss further the engraving fee with Barre Monuments. He will also find out how long it will take to engrave the proposed amount of pavers.*
- *Ed Zakar to coordinate a Wednesday meeting with Mr. Fernandez, Chairman Schmidt, Gibby Silva of Public Works, and himself for further coordination of work efforts on the Fountain.*
- *Sarah McNabb to obtain more information about formation of a trust fund for the paver monies.*

3. Status Report of the P.E.A.R. L. project:
Postponement of report since Ms. Mc Nabb did not have her notes available.
4. Participation in the Beachwood Community Day, August 27th:
Chairman Schmidt reviewed the application for attendance by the Environmental Shade Tree Commission. A free raffle would be available. A basket of gardening tools would be the prize. There would also be an informational table regarding the restoration of the Mayo Park

fountain with photos of the progression. At the same time applications for purchase of engraved pavers would be available. Lastly, applications to purchase garden plots at the Community Garden would be provided. Chairman Schmidt submitted the application on May 16, 2016.

5. Community Garden report:

Chairman Schmidt reported nine (9) lots are taken and seven (7) are available. The fence is on order. An alternative to a rabbit fence is being obtained with a closer wire weave. He has also ordered the hose holder and base slabs.

Sarah Mc Nabb suggested a flier be distributed through the schools mentioning the final plots. The flier would be distributed to the Beachwood and Pine Beach Schools.

- Sarah Mc Nabb to create flier and distribute to schools.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Zakar mentioned the Environmental Shade Tree Commission should think about a logo to be used on future banners.

OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:55 PM

Motion:	Ms. Mc Nabb	Second:	Ms. Bird
Approve:	All	Oppose:	
Abstain:			

CLOST TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 8:00 PM

Motion:	Mr. Schmidt	Second:	Ms. Bird
Approve:	All	Oppose:	
Abstain:			

ADJOURNED AT 8:03 PM

Prepared by: Maria Bird



Maria Bird, Substitute

Attested by: 

Carl Schmidt, Chairman