

May 18, 2015 -- Minutes

Shade Tree/Environmental Commission
Beachwood Municipal Complex
1600 Pinewald Road

7:00 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

CALL TO ORDER:

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 on the Borough website and delivered to the Asbury Park Press on January 15, 2015..

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Bird, Sarah McNabb, Carl Schmidt

ALSO PRESENT: Councilman Ed Zakar

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Theresa Nielsen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Review status of Beachwood Community Garden.
 - A. Councilman Ed Zakar reported the delay of the fence installation is due to the individual who is donating the fence was hospitalized with a medical condition. Ed is in contact with him.
 - B. Suggestion by Sarah McNabb to contact those who had paid for plots to inform them of the delay. Carl Schmidt said he would email a notice this week.

- II. Update given on the Tree Seedling Distribution.
 - A. Carl Schmidt reported all trees were delivered to the Scouts on Saturday. Trees would be planted in the Waretown area destroyed by Sandy.
 - B. Councilman Zakar congratulated Carl Schmidt for his organization and distribution of the seedlings this year. In turn, Carl Schmidt extended thanks to Pat Zakar for taking the remaining seedlings to the Scouts.
 - C. A unanimous decision was made by those present that only 500 trees would be considered for next year's distribution. There would be an attempt to obtain the more popular trees or low growing varieties; i.e., magnolia and redbuds.

- III. Review of the rain barrel workshop held on May 9, 2015.
 - A. Those present agreed the workshop was informative and successful.
 - B. Sarah McNabb recommended that a letter of thanks be drawn up for the presenter, GraceAnne Taylor. All were in agreement. Letter to be drawn up by Theresa Nielsen.
 - C. The remaining barrels would be distributed to interested parties.
- IV. Reminder presented by Sarah McNabb that the indoctrination of Kevin Ameci as an Eagle Scout would be on May 31, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Sarah McNabb expressed disappointment in the poor attendance at the May 15, 2015 BEAR demonstration for water safety.
- II. Proposed idea for increasing the interest in the environment and at same time distribute the tree seedlings was to show the movie THE LORAX.
- III. Consideration of new projects were proposed.
 - A. Councilman Zakar stated to look at old ideas that had been proposed and re-consider them.
 - B. Sara McNabb mentioned a beautification effort to improve the properties of Beachwood.
 - 1. Suggestion made for beautification contest.
 - 2. Suggestion made for most improved landscaping with before and after photos contest.
 - 3. Suggestion for Adopt-A-Spot by families in borough areas.
- IV. Question arose regarding keys for the gate and shed of the Community Garden.
 - A. Keys would be held by all Commission members, Councilman Zakar, and those who had a garden plot.
 - 1. There would be a rotation schedule for responsible parties to open and close the garden.
 - 2. It was stated those who had plots would be responsible for unlocking and locking The shed and gate. If the plot owner decided not to renew their application for The following year, they would be required to hand in their key. If the plot owner Lost their key, they would be required to pay for the replacement.
 - B. Carl Schmidt would obtain 19 keys and distribute appropriately.

Open to the General Public at 8:07 PM

Motion: Sarah McNabb

Second: Carl Schmidt

Approve: All

Oppose:

Abstain:

Close to the General Public at 8:10 PM

Motion: Sarah McNabb

Second: Maria Bird

Approve: All

Oppose:

Abstain:

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: Maria Bird

Second: Sarah McNabb

Approve: All

Oppose:

Abstain:

Adjourned at 8:15 PM

Prepared by: Maria Bird

Maria Bird
Maria Bird, Substitute Secretary

Attested to you by: Carl Schmidt
Carl Schmidt, Chairman