

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
April 6, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Cranbury Township Shade Tree Commission was held in Town Hall, 23A North Main Street, Cranbury, on April 6, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Kathy Easton, chair of the Shade Tree Commission, called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. and Wendy Borg acted as the Recording Secretary of the meeting.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on December 5, 2016, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kathy Easton, Bonnie Larson and Norma Swale were present. Lee Nissen and Christine Quinn were excused.

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 2, 2017 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Kathy Easton; seconded by Bonnie Larson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Forestry Plan –

Volunteer Work Hours – Mrs. Larson worked one hour; Ms. Easton worked 11 hours; Mrs. Swale worked two hours.

EAB in Cranbury – The trees in Four Seasons are all down. Sav-A-Tree did the work. The stumps remain. Ms. Easton met Rutgers and state officials and participated in an overwintering larval study.

Three quotes will be gathered for the re-write of the CFMP.

Tree Planting Plan- There is no plan for 2017.

Arbor Day – Ms. Easton and Mrs. Larson will decide on the location of the planting on Main Street and the species for the ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree inquiries – None

Spring newsletter – Submission will include EAB information, and notification of blooming trees.

Young Tree Pruning workshop – Paul Cowie will conduct this workshop for board members and the DPW on Thursday, June 15, at 9:00 a.m. at the township offices. The Environmental and Parks Commission members will be invited. Pruning will be conducted off site.

NJISST conference – Ms. Easton attended this with Barbara Rogers, the chair of the Environmental Commission. They received an updated report on the Emerald Ash Borer in New Jersey, that the insect is spreading quickly; and the biological management of EAB. Also communications of awareness of emerging invasive plants in town.

Applewood – Ms. Easton will contact Secretary of the Planning Board Josette Kratz on the tree planting plan and removal of the No Net Loss trees.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, motion duly made by Kathy Easton, seconded by Bonnie Larson, and carried, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify, that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Shade Tree Commission, and that this document, consisting of two (2) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on April 6, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this _____ day of _____ 2017.

Wendy W. Borg, Secretary