

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
CRANBURY, NEW JERSEY**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Cranbury Township Shade Tree Commission was held in Town Hall on June 10, 2008, beginning at 7:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Christine Quinn, Chairwoman of the Cranbury Township Shade Tree Commission, called the meeting to order and acted as the Chairwoman thereof, and Kristen H. Hamilton acted as 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 January 7, 2008, of this meeting's date, time and place; 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

Christine Quinn, Kathleen Kincade, Ann Solomon, Norma Swale and Kim Kondracki.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 8, 2008, meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Christine Quinn; seconded by Ann Solomon. Kim Kondracki abstained; all others in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Revision/Update of Chapter 15-56E – Shade Trees – The Commission discussed revisions to the Township Code.

Christine Quinn advised that she attended a seminar on trees and found out that the Green Ash and White Ash in Pennsylvania are getting bacterial leaf scorch. She would not recommend that Ash trees of any kind be planted at this time.

The Secretary will draft a revised Ordinance and forward same to the Shade Tree Commission for review and comment before forwarding to the Township Committee.

Update on Community Forestry Plan – Christine advised that she met with Linda Scott to review the draft of the Community Forestry Plan. She reviewed the proposed changes with the Commission, who agreed with same.

Arbor Day – April 25, 2008 – Christine Quinn received a thank you note from Audrey Smith.

DISCUSSION

Kim Kondracki researched and found that there is nothing that can be done to protect the Paw Paw tree on Maplewood Avenue. Kim provided a copy of a newspaper article highlighting an attorney working to save and preserve trees. Kim will contact her for information.

Norma Swale and Jerry Thorne, Public Works Manager, have both visited Cranbury Pizza to advise them to remove the retaining wall and soil around the tree in front of their store. The owner advised he would "do something in the fall". After much discussion, Christine Quinn made a motion strongly recommending that measures be taken to remove the soil around the tree in front of Cranbury Pizza as there is observable damage. Norma Swale seconded the motion; all in favor. If a letter must be sent to Cranbury Pizza, it should include a copy of Township Code 41, Section 10C. If no action is taken, a memo should be sent to the Township Committee asking that the matter be placed on its Agenda.

Christine Quinn stressed that all members should consider attending CORE Training scheduled for October 24 and 25, 2008, and also consider obtaining CEUs. The Secretary will find out more information on upcoming classes.

Christine Quinn prepared an article for the Township's Newsletter. The Secretary will finalize and forward to Christine Smeltzer.

Copies of Tree Ordinances from West Windsor and Princeton were provided to the Commission for review.

ADJOURNEMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, motion duly made by Christine Quinn, seconded by Ann Solomon, and carried, the meeting was thereupon adjourned.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Kristen H. Hamilton, the undersigned do hereby certify;

That I was duly appointed secretary of the Cranbury Township Shade Tree Commission and that the foregoing minutes of the Shade Tree Commission, held on June 10, 2008, consisting of 2 pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name of said Shade Tree Commission this 3rd day of December, 2008.

Kristen H. Hamilton