

Shade Tree Advisory Commission

Minutes for January 11, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Open Public Meetings Act Read

Roll Call:

- Mr. Hardmeyer – Present
- Dr. Craddock – Present
- Mrs. Van Orden – Present

Minutes: Membership approved last month's meetings.

- Mr. Hardmeyer – Brought in and presented the Thor Labs landscape plan and went over what was planted.
- Mr. Hardmeyer – Passed around the Sussex County Journal which had articles pertaining to the October Snow Storm and included some photos of trees.
- Mrs. Van Orden – Discussed with Matt and John about getting Core Trained.
- Mr. Smith – Discussed and went over plan and what type of trees were planted and the possibility of problems with the Ash Trees and Green Ash. Mrs. Van Orden inquired if the trees die, how much influence do we have about replacing trees with different species. She wondered if it was better to staple the rootballs instead of tying them off.
- Discussion was held on the deadline for the End of the Year Report.

Tree Ordinance:

- Mrs. Van Orden – asked who did the Tree Ordinance and if was done by Jessica at Harold Fellow's Office.
- Mr. Hardmeyer – Discussed the ordinance with Mr. Smith and the rest of the Shade Tree Committee and went over 19-7.2.6 Section D. He also went over the ordinance and suggested changes and wording to include in conjunction with the Community Forestry Management Plan.
- Dr. Craddock – Discussed his concerns about the commission getting involved with private property and getting away from the original purpose of trees in the public right of way.
- Mrs. Van Orden – Questioned why cemeteries are exempt.

- Mr. Hardmeyer – Wanted to discuss the tree replacement plan and why they don't explain what the plan is and who will enforce it. He also talked about size, location, and species of each tree on site and then what size, location and species for replacement. He also added that if there was money for the tree bank, what species of trees would be placed in the bank.
- Mrs. Van Orden – She asked Mr. Smith what is a logical replacement size should the larger trees need replacing. She also made a point that the specimen trees should be looked at on a case by case basis.
- Mrs. Van Orden – She asked about the single family developments and wet land zones. Mr. Smith advised her that all that information can be found on the DEP website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.