

The Ocean City Shade Tree Committee
Wednesday, January 27th, 2016
Meeting @ 9:00 A.M.
City Hall Council Chambers, Room #301
861 Asbury Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226

Meeting Called to Order: 9:15 A.M.

Open Public Meetings Act Announcement: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975: Chapter 231.

Roll Call:

Present: Joseph Clark, Mary Louise Hayes, Mike Lehman, Joshua Linthicum, Steve Longo & Sandy Simpson

Absent: Steve Wajda

Approval of the Minutes: December 16th Meeting minutes

Public Comment: No public comment or visitors

Election of Officers for the Calendar Year 2016

- For Committee Chairman – Joseph Clark was nominated and unanimously elected.
- For Committee Vice-Chairman – Steve Wajda was nominated and unanimously elected.
- For Committee Recording Secretary – Mary Louise Hayes was nominated and unanimously elected.

Old Business:

1. Re-review the 2016 Meeting Dates – no changes were made to the schedule.
2. A letter of resignation was received by the City Clerk from Peter Probasco. A replacement for his position will need to be found in the coming months by the Mayor's Office. The City Clerk will be posting the opening online and applications will be accepted in the allotted timeframe.

New Business:

1. A Proclamation will be required for the 2016 Arbor Day. Joseph Clark will coordinate with the Mayor's Office. The planting day has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2016 @ 10:00 A.M. Sites to be determined after the March citywide tour of public property.
2. A request was made to the Committee to trim the trees back along the 9th Street corridor. Tree branches are currently touching signage and awnings on some of the properties in that area.
3. It was proposed to reschedule the tour of Ocean City public property on Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016. Two (02) tree sites should be selected for the Arbor Day plantings in late April. The Committee decided that it might want to consider the garden plot along West Atlantic Blvd. & North Point Road where two (02) Black Pines were removed last November.
4. It was requested that Ken Jones of the City's Code Compliance Office attend an up and coming meeting to better explain the plan review process and to field any questions from the Committee concerning the review of the plans. Further, there were questions as to what happens to the plans after the review where comments were made or that they were not approved.

New Business: (Continued)

5. Information was distributed concerning the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign's Community 2016 Seedling Program. Trees of various species are available for distribution in sizes 1' – 3' with high bare roots. The trees are available for pick-up between April 1 & May 5th.
6. There was a discussion about 3-4 dead trees at 8th Street & West Avenue located at the Baptist Tabernacle Church that appeared to have died after Super Storm Sandy. They should be removed, but the Committee is not sure about replacement at this time, do that the area floods on a regular basis.
7. The following eight (08) property plans were submitted for compliance review & comments by the Committee:
 - * 848 St. James Place – Approved
 - * 617 8th Street – Approved
 - * 828-830 Wesley Avenue – Approved
 - * 1018 Wesley Avenue – Approved
 - * 2535 Wesley Avenue - Approved
 - * 2813-15 Haven Avenue – Approved
 - * 2916 Wesley Avenue – No trees were indicated on the plan
 - * 3602 Wesley Avenue - Approved

Meeting Adjourned: 10:40 A.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24th@ 9:00 A.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Minutes Submitted by: Mary Louise Hayes, Committee Recording Secretary