

Ocean City Shade Tree Committee
City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 301
861 Asbury Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Meeting Called to Order: 9:05 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, Mike Lehman, Joshua Linthicum, Steve Longo, Sandy Simpson, Steve Longo & Steve Wajda

Absent: Mary Louise Hayes

Approval of the Minutes: January 27th Meeting minutes

Public Comment: No public comment or visitors

Old Business:

1. Steve updated the Committee on work that has been taking place along the 9th Street corridor. Trees will be trimmed in the coming weeks and additional cutouts will have the new rubberized materials installed. There was a discussion about how the new cutout fill materials is holding up where recently installed.
2. The Committee currently has one seat to fill. The City Clerk will be posting the opening online and applications will be accepted in the allotted timeframe to be determined.

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 29, 2016 @ 10:00 A.M. Sites to be determined after the April citywide tour of public property.
2. Reviewed the DEP's News Release – NJ State Forest Fire Service Prescribed Burning Begins – Seasonal Program
3. It was proposed to reschedule the tour of Ocean City public property on Tuesday, April 26th, 2016. Two (2) tree sites should be selected for the Arbor Day plantings on April 29th. The Committee decided that it might want to consider the garden plot along West Atlantic Blvd. & North Point Road where two (2) Black Pines were removed last November. Additionally the OC Board of Education has been contacted as to where they might want a tree planted on one of their properties. Further, we have asked that the school selected participate in the planting.
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.
5. The following two (2) property plans were submitted for compliance review & comments by the Committee:
 - 27 W. 11th Street - Approved
 - 107 & 111 E. Atlantic Blvd. – Tentative approval. An attempt to salvage the existing trees down the line should be made when the property is developed.

New Business: (Continued)

6. Review of the Shade Tree Account – no additional funds were added to the account since the last report was presented.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:05 A.M.

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

Minutes Submitted by: Joseph Clark, Acting Committee Recording Secretary