

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

**Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Meeting @ 9:00 AM**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:10 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: Mike Lehman, Joshua Linthicum, Steven Longo, Sandy Simpson & Steve Wajda

Absent: Joseph Clark & Mary Lou Hayes

**Approval of the Minutes:** Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 meeting minutes were approved with corrected attendance.

**Public Comment:** No public comment or visitors

**Old Business:**

- Many concerns and questions are coming in from the public this summer in regards to tree health and planting selections. The Committee has been and will continue to refer citizens to the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts for the list of tree professionals bearing the credential of New Jersey Certified Tree Expert. Also the Committee will be working in the coming months on updating the approved tree list.

**New Business:**

- The Committee has noticed certain widespread issues with Pear trees and London plane trees. The cause has not been identified, but will be investigated. The result may be further change to the working recommended tree list.
- A discussion took place on the continued prevalence of Bradford Pear tree plantings and the issues that those trees are now experiencing citywide..
- A public grant opportunity may allow for a project including tree plantings in the City's downtown area.
- A discussion took place on the Committee's potential involvement with Ocean City's Green Fair, taking place on August 8th at the Music Pier. A table will be provided by the City and will be shared with the Environmental Commission. Any members that wish to volunteer to man the table should contact the Chairman.
- Status updates from Planning/Zoning for Committee - reviewed plans will be requested.
- New plans for Review: the following property plans were submitted for compliance review and comments by the Committee:
  - 3636 Wesley Avenue - Approved
  - 304-308 Bay Avenue - Approved
  - 4-6 14th Street - Approved
  - 1400 Pleasure Avenue - Approved
  - 2624 West Avenue - Approved

**Meeting Adjournment:** 9:56 A.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 9:00 A.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Minutes Submitted by: Mike Lehman, Shade Tree Committee member