

Metuchen Shade Tree Commission – Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2022

Attending: Dorothy Rasmussen, Bettina Caluori, Ken Sammond, Jeremy Campbell

Not Attending: Tim Brosnan, Ruchir Mewawala

Members of the public: None present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

Minutes of Oct. 4, 2022 approved.

Oct. 22 Farmers Market Event

At the Farmers Market, we needed a banner that announces Shade Tree Commission. It would increase foot traffic. Most questions came from non-residents.

Spring 2023 Planting

- Will still be replacing trees that were removed last year this spring.
- Tree inventory software
- People appreciated the handouts about recommended trees to plant that were created by Saeryon Park and Alvin Nazario.

Shade Tree Commission website

- Information on the website could be improved. Example: hyperlinks to the PDFs of Saeryon Park's materials.
- We could add links to urban forestry sites.
- We should feature accomplishments. Pictures of tree planting.
- The site of the STC of Hoboken features children planting trees, etc. It is a good model.
- After finding out who manages site, we can pursue improvements.

Planting Processes and Communication with Public Works

- Collaborating with Public Works
- From conversation with Public Works, establish focus for activities

Removal of trees on Rose

- A resident is reported to be concerned about the removal of a healthy tree due to repaving

Arbor Day

- Follow up on previous discussion about sponsoring a contest through schools
- Ask the schools to purchase and plant a tree using their budgets
- Pitch a regular, sustainable educational practice

Other

Attendees voted to accept the resignation of Tim Brosnan with regret.

The STC will not meet in December 2022. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.