

Metuchen Shade Tree Commission

November 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:42 p.m.

Present: Ken Sammond, Kun-han Lee, Bettina Caluori, Dorothy Giamboi

Absent: Jeremy Campbell, Rebecca Sabreen. No members of the public present.

Minutes from August 1 were approved.

Call to order at 7:36 pm.

Sunshine Law read.

Minutes from October were approved.

Farmers Market debrief: Jeremy Campbell, Ken Sammond, Walter Stochel, Dorothy Giamboi, Alex Giamboi were present. Bad weather meant there was a low turnout. Some tree info was distributed. We can try earlier next year again.

Recommended species list for Metuchen

Bettina shared the Utility Friendly Trees list from Princeton Department of Infrastructure and Operation. Ken Sammond recommended the addition of London Plane trees and running the list by Brian Lewis before creating a list for use in Metuchen.

Fall planting update: All trees planted, and it went smoothly.

Ken Sammond and Bettina Caluori completed the tree count along Amboy Ave on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023. We will forward the lists and images to Brian Lewis. This took 2 hours.

Kun-han Lee reiterated that the Commission would like to make progress reinstating and updating our tree inventory. He emphasized that having the information on the website would help build engagement in the community. Dorothy Giamboi will contact Melissa Perilstein.

Don't forget to get volunteer hours and Continuing Ed to Jeremy for Annual Accomplishment report. Also pictures if you have any.

Bettina Caluori's term on the MSTC ends in 2023. She asks to be contacted to volunteer if needed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday Jan 2nd at 7:30pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

