

Highland Park Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Borough Hall, 221 S Fifth, Highland Park, NJ 08904



Minutes of STAC Meeting, May 11, 2005

Attending: Carol Avelsgaard, Arnold Henderson, Gary Minkoff, Karen Swaine.
Guests: Frank Troy and Mike Wieczorkwicz of DPW

Meeting Commenced: 7:30 p.m.

April Minutes: approved

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting with DPW re Tree Inventory. Carol Avelsgaard and Arnold Henderson met with Frank Troy and Mike Wieczorkwicz prior to the regular meeting. Frank Troy will apply to Rutgers Cook College for an intern for next year to work on updating the tree inventory. No attempt will be made, however, to survey the Borough for trees that need attention until the Borough has the funds and equipment to address those needs in a timely fashion.

Inspection of Latest Street Tree Plantings. The one-year guarantee for newly planted trees will be up in November. STAC members will make an attempt to inspect the trees in June and July and remove the wires from the supports. DPW has wire cutters to use for this project. Forms for residents to fill out if they want to request a tree should be made available at the Street Fair and on the Website. Frank Troy asked if there is an official list of approved species for street trees. There are several, but the list of species is necessarily subject to change.

NPR workday. The workday scheduled for April 29 was rained out and rescheduled for April 30. A few volunteers (including 4H members) showed up and prepared a bed for the six dozen new native plants purchased from Bluestone Perennials. There are still some that need to be planted. Volunteers from Johnson and Johnson are expected to be available to work at the Native Plant Reserve on June 18. [Note: The J&J volunteers later cancelled, as they will be working elsewhere on that date.]

Paying for plants. Gary Minkoff will expedite the purchase order for the plants to be sold at the Street Fair.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 p.m. Next meeting: June 8