



Minutes of STAC Meeting, 19 April 2006

Meeting commenced: 8:15 p.m. Attending: Carol Avelsgaard, Roseann Cala, Arnold Henderson, Karen Swaine

Minutes of March were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water Watch cleanups. Water Watch cleaned at Valley Place Ravine April 2, and will be at The Meadows April 22.
- CDBG grant. Karen will contact Frank Troy to see if the money is available yet for street tree planting, and find out if he will be handling the project. STAC has a list of potential sites that Carol and Arnold identified last year, and this should be given to Frank when he is ready for it.

NEW BUSINESS

- Street Fair May 21, with our plant sale. Carol ordered tubeling trees from the state, to be shipped to Ruth. These will be given out without charge. Bluestone Perennials will ship to Karen for arrival May 15. These will be sold. Karen can call Roseann and Arnold or others for help unpacking them the 19th. Carol will be away on the day of the fair. We will arrange for staffing our table, etc., at the May meeting.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night (7:30) and meeting of borough chairs (6:45) will be May 9.
- Mulch volcanos. Karen will write a short article for the Highland Park Quarterly to alert residents not to let contractors pile mulch directly against tree trunks, as it can cause rot and shelter pests..
- Native Plant Reserve. Weeding/mulching is needed quickly. Arnold will contact the County Parks department (Ed Lucid 247-2634) to see if they will again arrange spraying of the worst invasive plants.
- Tree lessons. Melanie Hughes McDermott (at Rutgers and a Highland Park resident) inquired about materials that could be used in teaching kids the value of trees. Arnold told her of information in the public library's environmental information file drawer. Carol will contact Melanie to learn her interest in trees or STAC.
- Street tree trimming. We need to trim lowest branches on recent plantings, remove ties, and spread out any mulch volcanos found to be touching the trunk and risking rot. Karen will speak with DPW, arrange a date for STAC to do this, and call us.