

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



Minutes of STAC Meeting June 13, 2007

Call to order: 8:15 p.m.

Present: Arnold Henderson, Carol Avelsgaard, Fern Goodhart, Roseann Cala, Belinda Beetham, Barbara Lewis, Harvey Klee (guest)

Old Business

Street Fair. \$195 was made at the May 20 Highland Park Street Fair selling native flowers.

Street Trees. Carol went to DPW about the sites for CDBG. Approximately 20 trees will be planted this fall; 13 more sites are needed. Anyone who wants a tree can still get one. Tree request forms are available at Borough Hall, DPW, the Library, and the borough web site. Frank Troy of DPW will oversee the contract.

Ordinance. The tree removal ordinance was reviewed again. It will be looked at by the lawyers.

Grant. There has been no word on the 2007 Green Communities Challenge Grant. It is for updating the Community Forestry Master Plan (hiring a consultant), but we understood winners would be sent a letter describing what needs to be done. The DEP contact person is Joseph Bennett.

Cool Cities. There has been no word about the cool cities planting recently completed. We hope to receive an "as planted" list.

New Business

Nursery. Gabi Grunstein of the Environmental Commission has been referred to Steve Barnes about Gabi's suggestion of a nursery potentially willing to grow plants for the Native Plant Reserve or the Community Wildlife certification program.

Budget. 1) Fern will ask about the Finance Department's statement of STAC budget # 2-01-074-226. 2) Fern will arrange for a new gazebo to be bought for future Street Fairs.

Harvey Klee is a possible new member.

Article. Carol wrote an article for the Highland Park Quarterly.

On June 20 there will be a group from Rutgers Social Work coming to weed out invasive species at the Native Plant Reserve, with Belinda, Barbara, Harvey, and Karen.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.. No August meeting. Next meeting September 12, 8 p.m., Borough Hall