## Township of South Hackensack Shade Tree Commission November 20, 2014 7:30 p.m.

- Meeting to Order Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Record and The Herald News and by posting a copy of the meeting notice on the bulletin board in the clerk's office where notices are customarily posted.
- Flag Salute
- Roll Call
- Minutes May 15, 2014, August 21, 2014
- Correspondence
- Old Business

Planters – Business supported – To date, six businesses have ordered planters.

- 1. AAA Inc./Anzalone Fence Co. 295 Huyler Street
- 2. Wholesale Auto Supply 22 Florence Street
- 3. Walter Siegordner 62 Leuning Street
- 4. Creative Safety Products 57 Leuning St.
- 5. Naturex 375 Huyler Street
- 6. Boswell Engineering 330 Phillips Avenue

Four planters have been delivered to the DPW. Planters need to be prepped and delivered to business. Delivery of planters will depend on the availability of the loader (out-of-order).

## Shade Tree Ord. – still awaiting revisions for lowering pruning fees (see attached letter dated 1/17/2014).

New Business

Escrow seized: Padovano – 49 Dinallo St. \$100; Bartell – 17 Wilson St. - \$300; Kennis – 177 Phillips Avenue - \$100.

Current Balance in Reserve for Shade Tree: \$1,361.20

Frank Cagas to use monies for tree planting. He instructed Tree Arborist to plant trees.

## Board Discussion

<u>Community Forestry Plan – 2015 – 2019</u>. On August 25, 2014 secretary, Heinzelman, met with Paul Cowie to go over the Forestry Plan. Mr. Cowie mentioned that other towns that had private trees under their jurisdiction have changed over to a zoning ord. For example: One town allowed removal of 5 trees per year under a zoning ord. There were legal issues regarding the governing of private property. He stated the Tree Commissions usually governs public trees. South Hackensack does not govern the public trees (DPW/Committee does). If they wish to they must pass an ordinance. Paul also stated that no other town required permits for pruning.

November 2014 – Paul Cowie to have draft of plan this month.

William R. Comery, ltr dated 10/29/2014. Shade Tree Commission to make decision on **"Suggested Changes and Comments Ord 2010-08-2013-01**".

- Public Comments
- Adjournment