

## **Township of Franklin Shade Tree Commission**

**Meeting minutes May 26<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Absent: McLaughlin, Schmidt, Miller, Marshall, Baumley**

**Present: Orsini, Galdi, Evans , Brewer**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Since there was no quorum, approval of April minutes is postponed to June.

Orsini asked about trees removed at intersection of Clyde/Hamilton. Evans said these were taken down by DPW and were dead/diseased. Orsini will follow up with Carl Hauck regarding trees in scenic corridor on Blackwells Mills/van Cleef and Cal-Sterling. It looks like Cal-Sterling is putting in a sidewalk so trees will have to wait until that is done.

Evans updated tree planting for Arbor Day. All trees except Zelkova seem to be leafed out and doing well. For some reason Zelkova are not leafing out, but seem to be alive since the bark is green upon scratching and pliable. We don't seem to be having luck with Zelkovas, so should discuss with Baumley and perhaps substitute another tree.

John Loos has passed along to the township manager Craig Novick that we have asked that the DeMott jughandle be cleaned up and that we are willing to pay for plant material. This may be a good scout/troop project. Orsini will follow up with Loos periodically.

Thompson Park jughandle has been addressed by Somerset county and dead trees will be removed by them and we'll plant new ones in the fall.

For newsletter suggest historic/significant tree list be revisited. Galdi suggests photos of past Arbor Day projects to show how they turned out.

Marshall has suggested potluck dinner in place of June meeting. Orsini will see what rest of commission thinks re. availability. If not, we'll have our regular meeting. We will not be doing a trip to Baumley's production nursery.

No public was present. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Orsini