## Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes May 18, 2015

Attendees: Melanie Palmer Burdorf, Susan Jeans, Peter O'Neill, Guy Piscerchia, Paul

Tamburri (left early), and Mary DeLello (recorder)

Absent: Walter Carell, Don Farnell, Phyllis Fast, Guy Roshto, and David Welch.

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM

**Approval of April 20, 2015 minutes**: Guy moved to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2015 meeting and Melanie seconded. All in favor of accepting minutes as written.

## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- 1. **Treasurer's Report**: \$9,715.14 and there is a \$10 negative difference between the contributions and the bill from the nursery for the Challenge Grant.
- 2. Forestry Report: Joe Dunn isn't able to make it tonight. Guy will contact David Welsh to ask for Forestry Report from Joe Dunn.
- 3. Challenge Grant for Spring: Trees look great and are leafing out. Don and Susan decided to email individuals weekly to remind them to water their new tree. Susan will also give new tree owners information in a handout.
- **4. Status of cherry trees from Magna Drive:** Guy will contact David Welsh to discuss weeping cherries and where they are going to be moved.
- 5. Seedling trees handed out: All but a few trees handed out.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Environmental Day at Millington: Susan and Melanie will be at Millington Elementary School on Thursday from 1:00 until 3:00 to speak about shade trees and their environmental impact.
- 2. Application for tree removal at 674 Meyersville Road: Don will look into it.
- 3. Application for development at Stirling Hotel: No landscaping plan was submitted as part of the application to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Please see attached.
- **4. Tree Replacements:** Don Farnell, a member of the STC, wrote a memo to Neil Henry, Township Administrator, outlining how particular businesses were required to put in trees and have not done so. A discussion followed regarding the lack of follow-up on suggestions of the STC when approving a Certificate of Occupancy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. Peter moved, Susan seconded, all in favor.

► Next meeting: Monday, June 15, 7:00 PM at the Library.

Submitted by, Mary DeLello, Recorder