

ENVIRONMENTAL SHADE TREE COMMISSION

One Municipal Plaza  
Asbury Park, NJ 07712  
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Thomas Pivinski - Chairman

Amy Quinn - Vice Chairman

Garrett L. Giberson – Secretary

Commissioners:

Nancy Sabino, Tom Kulesa, Roy Helfrick, Jim Henry, Russell Lewis,

**ASBURY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES -TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

1. Call to Order

7:05pm, Tom Pivinski reads the "Open Public Meetings Statement" as Garrett is not in attendance.

2. Attendance

Present: Nancy Sabino, Russell Lewis, Roy Helfrick, Gerald List, and Tom Pivinski, Amy Quinn

Absent: Garrett Giberson, Jim Henry

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting - July 17, 2018 - Motion by Amy Quinn, to accept, 2nd by Roy Helfrick. Vote: all yes-Minutes accepted.

4. OLD BUSINESS -

- A. City Hall Landscaping - Tom Pivinski reported that 29 crepe myrtles 21 magnolias planted 9\_15\_18. 85 Knock out roses and 85 hydragenas ordered and due to be delivered and planted 9\_22\_18.
- B. Tom Pivinski indicated that the Rainbow Bridge Garden has been given approval by Michael Capabianco. Planting expected to be begun in the spring with donations from individuals who would like to have living memorial for their departed pet.
- C Amy Quinn indicated Ellen Gaynor will be inducted in January of 2019 as new alternative commissioner of the ESTC.
- D. Nancy Sabino circulated artwork designs for new T-shirts to be printed and given to volunteers and individuals who have participated in or supported many of the plantings. Dan Baum contributed the artwork as a donation to the ESTC. Susan Peckman will be asked for a quote. A total of 3 quotes will be necessary if the city pays for the run. Tom said a brighter color than the brown shown but not white would be more to his liking. Amy to look into funding for the shirts by the city.

5. New Business

- A. 2019 Brainstorming - Fundraisers, new events, future gardens etc.  
-- Amy thought a winter cocktail party at Watermark would be fruitful.

- Nancy suggested that the ESTC take the van to the Trunk or Treat Halloween event in the municipal parking lot on October 31 and give out candy to kids. Need decorative ideas to highlight the work done by the ESTC.
- A calendar of Garden photos was suggested as a fundraiser, plenty of gardens to choose to photograph.
- Tom Kulesa suggested sunflower plantings in empty or deserted city lots to seed the environment with delight. Amy to find listing of lots.
- Michael Capabianco sent email about small parks on vacant lots good for everyone.
- Sam DiFalco suggested a donation jar or basket at some of the more well loved parks could raise funds. Amy thought there might be a problem with that for the ESTC but might work to donate to the Friends of the ESTC.
- Gerry thought the area at Sunset/Fifth/Webb could use some love as it is a current eyesore. Heavy gravel and winter salt has ruined the soil, may need some creative thinking.
- A donation flyer should be developed to hand out to people who offer compliments or simply want to donate to the ESTC. Kept on hand at greenings or left at parks in protected containers, like realtor flyers. Copy could read:

*Enjoying the many parks planted and maintained by the volunteers of the AP ESTC*

*Send your contribution to:*

*Asbury Park Environmental and Shade Tree Commission or*

*Friends of APESTC (501c3)*

*c/o Tom Pivinski*

*1607 Emory Ave.*

*Asbury Park, NJ 07712*

- B. The annual meeting of the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation will be held in Cherry Hill at the Crown Plaza on October 18-19. Interested individuals need to tell Tom or Garrett and register before October 1, 2018. Robert Bianchini usually attends, Gerry List (Core), Tom Pivinski, Roy Helfrick, Jim Henry and Ellen Gaynor (Core) will attend. Continuing credit points given for participants who attend, ESTC could use the points.

6. Public Participation - none

Adjournment - No further business - Motion by Amy Quinn to adjourn, 2nd by Roy Helfrick. Meeting adjourned 8:05PM.

Our October meeting will be held in City Council Chambers, at 7pm on the 16th.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sabino

ESTC commissioner

Cc:

CM Michael Capabianco

City Clerk Cindy Dye

Commission Members

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