

March 12, 2009

Mario Andre	X
Jessie Basner	X
Mike Clansy	?
Ted Duran	A

John Frost	X
Brian Racin	A
Paul Zelanko	A

Mary Ellen Davis (A1)	X
Patrick Pisano (A2)	X
Jim Hutchison ( Liason)	A

1) Approve meeting minutes for 2/12/09.

- John Motioned to approve and Jessie seconded, all approved.

2) Appoint Members to Zones for tree review.

Jessie Basner – Orange      Mike Clansy – Blue      Ted Duran – Green      John Frost - Green  
 Brian Racin – Orange      Paul Zelanko – Yellow      May Ellen Davis – Blue      Patric Pisano – Yellow

- Jessie Motioned to approve and John seconded, all approved.

3) Approve By –Laws Drafted by Jessie Basner

- John made a motion to approve with the removal of “Comments shall be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker per meeting” found in Article III Section IV Public Comment. Patrick seconded the motion and all approved.

4) Approve advertising and mounting of name plates by John Frost and Mario Andre

- Jessie made a motion to go ahead with the project and Mary Ellen seconded, all approved.
- John made a suggestion that we look into getting a bigger nicer sign to be posted at either end of Main Street; Mario will talk to the Mayor and council about it.

5) Update on Earth Day / Arbor Day.

- Mario Had questions in regard to Brian’s South River Earth Day 2009 Plans involving Raritan Water Watch.
- Mario Had come up with a plan involving Mary Ellen’s students coming out on a field trip and taking samples from the river, the pond at Grekoski park, and at Dailey’s pond. They would test the water in school and bring in a presentation to the event on what they found in the water along with wildlife that they may have found. At the same time people would plant trees at Dailey’s pond park between the soccer fields and alongside them as well. The event will also include the cleanup of the surrounding forest area. The Portuguese club offered to help in regards to the food and refreshments for the volunteers.
- Mario will discuss with the Portuguese Club the possible need for them to help with the purchase of trees depending on the cost and funding.
- Mary Ellen will talk to Loews about a possible donation of trees or at least a low cost of the trees.
- Mario will speak to Karen Cuomo in regard to these plans and inform everyone prior to next meeting via email.

## Environmental & Shade Tree Committee Agenda

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- 6) **Update on ESTC 2009 Commission Charter.**
  - Ted Duran was unavailable to give an update.
  
- 7) **Update on Memorial Day Parade plans.**
  - Mario Stated that he will be able to get a trailer for a float but wanted ideas of what to do, possibly a large globe in the middle with trees on corners.
  - Patrick suggested that we get beach balls to throw to the children, he will check into prices.
  - John suggested getting trees to possibly plant at the end of the parade.
  - Mario will speak to Jim Hutchison and Suzanne Buffalino about the idea.
  
- 8) **Review the list of possible trees.**
  - John provided a name and application for a book that will provide us with information in regard to finding a proper tree for South River curb sides.
  - Jessie made motion and John seconded to order 5 copies of this book.
  - Patrick will look into the purchase cost of this book and notify us via email.
  
- 9) **Items to be reviewed for discussion at next meeting 4-9-09 (no particular order)**
  - 1) **Review list grants available by the government.**
    - Patrick to look at current grant details for 20,000.00 for the future.
  - 2) **Look into changing curb tree code.**
    - Jim was to speak to Schwartz in regard to finding out the code
    - Mario will follow though and inform the mayor and council that we are looking to planting trees curbside and provide them with a list of suitable trees.
  - 3) **Look into a developer's tree fund (Mike Clancy was to follow up).**
    - This idea will be benched for now and will be revisited in the future.
  - 4) **Start reviewing ideas for our web page.**
    - Mario looked up the Milltown web page and suggested that we look into using that as a sample for our own.
    - Jessie will look into legalities regarding PDF files and copyright laws using linked websites to obtain PDF files to post.