

**City of Ocean City
Shade Tree Committee Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers, Room 301
861 Asbury Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226**

Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, July, 22nd, 2026

Open Public Meetings Act Announcement: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975; Chapter 231

Meeting Called to Order: 9:16 AM

Membership Roll Call:

Present: Joseph Clark, Jr. Mary Louise Hayes, Joshua Linthicum, Michael Lehman, Donna Moore & Marie Crawford, Secretary

Absent: Kyle Costello, (City Liaison) Sandra Simpson

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - None

Approval of the Minutes from 6/24/26 – Approved

Old Business

- **Report on ongoing public landscaping and/or planting projects** - Joe Clark suggested taking a look at the area outside golf course where there is netting.
- **Shade Tree Committee Drive Tour** - Committee accepted the minutes provided by Donna Moore, will review and revisit in the fall.
- **Donation** - Joe spoke with Allyson Kliefoth regarding the Mackenzie Helpenstine Memorial Garden which is maturing at the primary school.
- **Cash Buyouts** - Joe will suggest the cash buyout be changed to \$500.
- **State of New Jersey Permitted Trees** - Joe provided a copy of the Shade Tree Committee Planting Guide for the committee to review. Marie Crawford agreed to review the planting guide to align with the New Jersey state list.

New Business

- Review of the Planning & Zoning Board applications as they pertain to the Ocean City Shade Tree Ordinance for the following locations:

- * 801 Wesley Avenue - Approved per plan with recommendation of salt tolerant trees.
- * 201 Ninth Street - Recommend one salt tolerant tree either to the right of way or in the setback.
- * 413 30th Street - Approved per plans with 2 street trees on Central, and one tree on 30th street, placed on the property to offset one street tree.

- Review of the Shade Tree Account - \$27,886.28 in account. There were two additions of \$350 each.
- **Green Fair** - Scheduled for Friday, August 21st., at the Music Pier, 9AM to 1PM. Committee members volunteered to fill time slots.
- Pending business to be considered at the next meeting on Wednesday, August 26th, 2026, 9:00AM

Public Comment - None

Adjournment of the Meeting - 10:10AM

Marie Crawford, Secretary
(mgc 7/22/2026)