

**The Ocean City Shade Tree Committee
City Hall Council Chambers
861 Asbury Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226**

**Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, June 25th, 2025
9:00 A.M. Meeting**

Meeting Called to Order: 9:08 A.M.

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

Roll Call:

Present: Joseph Clark, Mary Louise Hayes, J. Michael Lehman, Joshua Linthicum, Sandra Simpson, Kyle Costello (City Liaison)

Absent: Donna Moore

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from May 28th, 2025 were approved by The Committee.

Public Comment: Marie Crawford shared knowledge of Nana Catalpa species with The Committee for future plantings.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- The following property plans were submitted for compliance review and comments by the Committee:
 - 210 Gull Road - Approved - subdivision proposal with one new single family home, two trees shown
 - 325 West Avenue - Approved - new single family home proposed showing two trees
 - 1124-62 West Avenue - Approved - proposed demolition and construction of new commercial structure with parking area showing 4 trees and many shrubs
- Committee vacancy has been locally advertised but not yet filled. The Committee recognized that no applications were received for consideration, and so the vacancy advertisement will continue.
- Kyle Costello reported that routine limb pruning took place at the Knight building at 12th and Haven Avenue. A heavily damaged pine tree was removed at Veterans Memorial Park at 6th and Wesley Ave.
- No update to the Shade Tree Account was provided.
- The annual Ocean City Green Fair will be held Friday, August 15th at the Music Pier Loggia. Committee members will be in attendance to distribute information to the public.

Meeting Adjournment: 10:27 A.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Minutes Submitted by J. Michael Lehman, Vice Chairman

(jml 7/23/25)