

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Demarest Borough Hall
7:30PM

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

July 7, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Linda Cetta opened the meeting at 7:35 pm with the following announcement: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting and notice of regular meeting was posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to The Star Ledger and The Record and was filed with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Demarest on December 12, 2021 with the yearly meeting dates.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Roll Call: Present: LC, MN, JR, Absent: JL, AE, MH, EH.

2. Approval of minutes: Motion to approve May 5, 2022, Minutes, 1st MN, 2nd JR

3. Reports: Court violations for tree removal without a permit will be heard on July 13, 2022, for various addresses. Payments for past violations will be deposited into the escrow account and used for future hazardous tree removal in the Fall due to budget, 1st motion to approve MN, 2nd JR. pruning list is being composed and will request DPW's help. DPW is unable to cut trees that they are not qualified to cut. Most work will be contracted out.

4. Old Business: Frank De Carlo form De Carlo Tree Masters would like to speak to the Commission and Nature Center on education of trees. Reminder of the Conference on October 13th-14th in Cherry Hill. JR is Core Certified. A suggestion for a DPW employee to be Core Certified. As a reminder to residents and Builders for tree permits there will be a notice put on the electronic board. Shade Tree would like for the message to be ran monthly.

5. New Business: Budget was cut from \$55,000.00 in 2021 to \$30,000.00 in 2022. Presently there is \$9,517.00. The Escrow account can be used for tree planting and/or removal. DPW will be planting new trees in the Fall within the Borough Right of Way. Networking will be done at the conference in October to see how other Boroughs train their DPW Employees in tree removal. Joe Faulborn will be going to construction sites to take preconstruction pictures. The Shade Tree Commission will meet with the Nature Center to inquire about occupying tables during the Octoberfest. NJSTC Zoom meeting on trees will be July 20, 2022, from 7:00-8:00pm. Trees in the

triangle don't seem to be doing well other than three of them. Pictures were sent to Victories Nursesey.

6. Open to the Public:

7. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting by MN, 2nd by JR. The meeting closed at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Lee Campbell Shade Tree Secretary