

**Shade Tree Commission
Demarest Borough Hall
7:00PM**

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

April 9, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Linda Cetta opened the meeting at 7:00 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 Record and was filed with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Demarest on January 23, 2026.

There was not audio or video recorded for this meeting.

1. **Roll Call:** Present, Linda Cetta, Norman NG, Maureen Neville, Faye Sloan, Kathy Kobylarz, Dimitri Gatanas. Absent Ted Alevrontas and Council Liaison Adam Collins.
2. **A motion to open to the Public:** The tree contractor representing 22 Hardenburgh for plantings asked for clarification for placement of tree plans to ensure he would not be planting in the Borough Right of Way.
3. **Minutes:** Motion to accept minutes from March 10, 2026. was made by Maureen Neville second Faye Sloan, all were in favor.
4. **Old Business:** Budgets, it was reported that the operating budget was \$22,826,00 and the trust has \$15,480.00. Arbor Day, Seedlings will be picked up by Norman NG and distributed at Arbor Day Event. Members of the Commission will split their times in volunteering for the Event. Norman NG has purchased stickers on his own to be distributed on Arbor Day. They were ordered from an outside vendor saving the Commission \$180.00 as apposed to the quote received by a vendor the Borough uses. The Commission urged Norman NG to file for reimbursement. Dimitri Gatanis reported the skip laurels at the Cemetery are alive and well and will check with Jason from DPW if desiccant has been applied. Spring planting for trees in the Borough ROW, 29 Trees were ordered from Stone House Nursery The commission was unable to purchase desired species do to supply issues. Delivery of 29 trees should be completed soon. Tree City USA Application was accepted and approved.
5. **New Business:** No new business was reported.
6. **Open to the public:** No one present
7. **Motion to adjourn** was made by Maureen Neville and second by Kathy Kobylarz all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Lee Campbell Shade Tree Commission Secretary