

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
SHADE TREE COMMISSION OF THE BOROUGH OF DEMAREST

REGULAR MEETING

March 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Cetta at 7:30 PM.

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 in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to The Press Journal and The Record and was filed with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Demarest on February 25, 2021.

Present Linda Cetta, Maureen Neville, Councilwomen MaryLynne Hamilton, Alan Epstein, Frank Santonicola, and Joyce Lustbader via Facetime.

Absent: Ed Hirning, Kevin Riley

Trees-Removal:

Discussion regarding tree planting, to order for Spring and Fall planting will be delivered. DPW will do the planting. No high growing trees under wires. Need to enforce the new ordinance. If a builder takes trees down and mitigation is needed, he can plant on the work site or donate trees to be planted in the Borough. If a tree is bonded and the builder defaults, the money goes to the Borough to plant a tree(s) Owen to inspect residential requests to remove tree(s) before issuing a permit.

Old Business:

Ordering/planting trees: different species of tree have been ordered and will be ready for delivery in April.

5 Year Plan: Paul Cowey delayed with Covid-19 and snow.

Arbor Day Update: Receiving up to 100 seedlings. Maureen will call Garden Club to coordinate clean up of Arboretum and planting seedling, school children will be asked to help.

New Business

Mitigation money: Where is it being distributed too,

Ordinance clarification: There are some issues with the ordinance that needs clarification and corrections.

New construction form: Alan Epstein used it and it worked out well. Will be easier for Lee when doing her reports for the Shade Tree Commission.

Explanation of Right of Way: Ed Hirning will provide the explanation and calculations at the next meeting.

Misc. Items:

2 Houses on Rodney Place were issued warnings by the Borough Maintenance Official for have swings and a jungle gym attached to trees that are in the ROW. Will update at next meeting.

Adjournment:

Frank Santonicola moved to close the meeting at 8:05 PM second, Maureen Neville and Joyce Lustbader.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Campbell
Shade Tree Secretary