

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

REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

Mrs. Cetta read the following announcement. 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 Star Ledger and The Record and was filed with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Demarest on December 23, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: LC, MN, MH, JL, TP, AE, JR

Absent: EH

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve November 4, 2021, Minutes MN, 2nd JL.

Discussions: President Linda Cetta welcomes Ted Piltzeckor as a new member of the Shade Tree Commission. Secretary Lee Campbell reported on the amount of Shade Tree Inspections were completed for 2021 and how many Tree Removal Permits were issued. The link for the 5 Year Plan will be distributed to members.

Old Business:

19 Pine Terrace, court case is on January 26, 2022. 5-year Plan almost completed. New tree inventory program.

New Business:

Tree inventory completed which includes kinds of species of trees and condition of trees. Inventory reports over 180 hazardous Borough trees that need to be removed. Research will be done to determine if O&R can remove the trees that are in wires. Stump removal will be done by the Borough. DPW will inspect to see what trees they can remove. Budget, asking for \$118,000.00 and requesting \$45,000.00 in addition for hazardous tree removal. MH will investigate Fema to cover some of the cost of hazardous tree removal, will seek advice from the Borough Attorney. AE will meet with certified landscape architect for advice on planting in the triangle. Discussions of a railing or barrier to protect the area. Spring planting will begin with members researching area for future planting sites. Request by residents for trees will be honored first. County Road School will receive 2 trees. JL will meet with the Superintendent to discuss species of trees to be planted. Stumps will be removed for future trees to be planted. Trees will be purchased through Victorias in Paramus. The Shade Tree Commission would like to get the school age children involved in the Adopt a Tree Program. 100 Seedlings will be requested and will be distributed on April 23, 2022. 71 Prescott, a borough tree was removed at the request of the homeowner. O&R completed the job.

Adjournment: Motion by MN 2nd by AE Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Lee Campbell

Lee Campbell, Shade Tree Secretary