

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Demarest Borough Hall
7:00PM

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

September 7, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Linda Cetta opened the meeting at 7:02 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 September 26, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Roll Call:** Present: LC, RF, FS, ML. Absent: MN, EH, JL

2. **Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve September 1, 2022, Minutes, 1st RF, 2nd FS

3. **Old Business:** Tree City USA declaration has been met and the Tree City USA Sign was awarded. It is located on the corner of Piermont Road and South Street. The Trust Fund for fines and Budget was discussed. Second phase of hazardous tree removal and pruning was completed. The new revised Ordinance was discussed.

4. **New Business:** Norman NG attended the meeting as a future member of the Shade Tree Commission. NJSTF is on October 26, 2023, which 3 members will be attending and will receive a total of 12 ECU's. The trees for Fall planting will be delivered at the end of September which The DPW will be planting 30 trees at various addresses. No trees will be planted on Knickerbocker Road at NVD Highschool due to obstruction of view. In memory of Alan Epstein, ST Members would like to have a bench in the park or by the Gazebo with the Mayor and Councils permission. There are 4 Ash Trees by the Piermont Road side of the pond that have Ash Disease and need to be removed. NJ Federation suggests removing Ash Trees that are diseased. The ST Commission will be researching a new form of pesticides to prevent diseases in the future. The ST Commission will be participating in Demarest Day with a table, information on trees, tree removal applications and request to plant signup sheets will

be passed out. LC requests the presence of other members to volunteer their time on Demarest Day.

5. Open to the Public: There were no residents or contractors that attended the meeting

6. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting by FS, 2ND by RF. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Lee Campbell Shade Tree Secretary