

SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
BOROUGH OF DEMAREST

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2023, 7:00 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 of this Commission. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to the Record and Star Ledger, and was filed with the Borough Clerk of Demarest.

The meeting was opened by Chairperson Linda Cetta at 7:02pm.

Present: Linda Cetta, Maureen Neville, Joyce Lustbader, Norman NG, Ronnie Friedman, Faye Sloan, Council Liaison Mary Lynne Hamilton

Absent: Edwin Herning

Approval of minutes for September 7, 2023. Joyce Lustbader 2<sup>nd</sup> Faye Sloan

Old Business: Shade Tree Trust was discussed regarding state requirements, ordinance fines are not allowed to be deposited into the Trust Account. Mitigation received will be deposited into the Trust Account.

New Business: Amended Ordinance will be reviewed with Daryl Fox at the next meeting. Fall planting completed, 30 trees were distributed to residents and at Parks and Grounds. Recommendation for Spring Planting, knock on doors once location sites are chosen following a letter from the Shade Tree Commission. Hazardous tree removal: Duck Pond, Shade Tree Members inspected 19 trees. Bids were accepted; however, the project was put on hold. Suggestions to clear vines on trees that are not recognizable due to vine overgrowth. Stumps that remain in the Duck Pond will help with rising pond water levels. ST would like to appoint a High School Liaison from the Science Department or Environmental Club to work with ST in exchange for Community Service. Demarest Day Volunteers needed for November 7, 2023. All members will take a 2-hour shift, materials will be distributed. Issues with sidewalks in residential areas lifting due to town trees. Spring 2024, County Road School Kindergarten participation for planting a new tree. ST would like to have pictures taken in front of the tree that was planted every year, same class till Senior year.

Open to the Public: None

Motion to adjourn: Joyce Lustbader, 2<sup>nd</sup> Faye Sloan. The meeting closed at 8:15pm pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Campbell Shade Tree Secretary