

BOARD OF SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2022

Present: K. Raschen, J. Sexton, B. Keppler, C. Hittel, W.R. Comery, A. Les, A. Antonio, J. Weber

Absent: D. Minervini, M. Ivanicki, D. Pries

C. Hittel called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and stated that this meeting of the Shade Tree & Parks Commission, as required, has been made public and posted at Borough Hall. Roll call was taken.

C. Hittel asked for a motion to approve last month's minutes. Motion made by B. Keppler, seconded by A. Les. All in favor.

Public: no public

Superintendent's Report:

Tree Preservation Release – 293 Alpine Drive K. Raschen stated one 28" Oak had to be removed, and recommends release for this address excluding the 28" Oak. Motion to release tree preservation/forfeit 28" Oak capped at \$5,000.00 made by A. Les, seconded by B. Keppler. All in favor.

Tree Preservation Releases – 270 Buttonwood Drive/331 Franklin Place – No issues at 270 Buttonwood Drive, 331 Franklin Place paid restitution and planting to have the tree removed. Motion to release both tree preservations made by W.R. Comery, seconded by A. Les.

Budget- K. Raschen explained that after hearing from our liaisons, a meeting was attended with the budget committee. While we wait for information on Capital and funding, prices continue to increase.

Planting- 165 trees have been tagged, and should be delivered in early to mid-April. Liner stock prices are very high right now, and it does not make fiscal sense to purchase liner stock for the nursery at this time.

Authorization to Pay Bills- Motion made by B. Keppler, seconded by A, Les. All in favor.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Sidewalks- J. Sexton explained that our previous contract ended, so the town is out to bid for a new contractor for the Sidewalk Program. This bid includes lifts, versus all pours. We are all hoping this moves forward sooner than later, to avoid a backlog of addresses.

Tree Climber- Tree Climber has been hired after transferring to Traffic, and then back to Shade Tree & Parks for the Tree Climber position. He would have to become ACRT re-certified due to the lapse from when he initially left the department.

Seedling Give-away – Earth Day is back on for this year, and as in the past we will be handing out tree seedlings from the NJ Forestry/DEP. We are also a distribution site for other municipalities to pick up their seedlings from the State of New Jersey.

100th Anniversary – Some issues arose when installing the 100 year banners, but they are almost all up at their locations. The finished product will be checked by the Tree Foreman.

70th Shade Tree ST-1 Ordinance Anniversary – J. Sexton asked the commission to think about the upcoming anniversary of our ordinance. This ordinance has been challenged and has always succeeded.

Chairman's Report-

New Business - Motion made to install memorial trees for J. Payoczkowski, S. Wilkie, and M.J. Raschen. Motion made by W.R. Comery, seconded by B. Keppler. All in favor.

Motion made by W.R. Comery, seconded by B. Keppler to look into refurbishing Welcome to Paramus signs.

Motion made to move April's meeting to 6:00 pm. Motion made by W.R. Comery, seconded by A. Les

Old Business-

Land Use-

Personnel-

Motion to adjourn meeting made by B. Keppler, seconded by A. Les. All in favor