

BOARD OF SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2021

Present: K. Raschen, J. Sexton, W.R. Comery, D. Preis, B. Keppler, A. Les, D. Minervini, C. Hittel, M. Ivanicki, C. DiPiazza, J. Weber

Absent:

D. Preis called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

D. Preis asked for a motion to approve last month's minutes. Motion made by D. Minervini, seconded by M. Ivanicki. All in favor.

Public:

Superintendent's Report:

662 Beverwyck Place— K. Raschen stated there are no issues at these addresses, and all town trees are Ash. Motion to release made by B. Keppler, seconded by A. Les. All in favor.

Operations- K. Raschen stated we would like to keep the commissioners and liaisons in the loop regarding the previous field division, which has been ended. We were told in one meeting what the new plan was. The field division has been re-packaged under recreation with the same people as before. New division (Parks and Recreation) will be maintaining all sports-fields. We were not included in any discussions, or meetings prior to be told what the plan is. K. Raschen stated himself as well as J. Sexton have about 80 years combined of green industry experience, yet were still left out of the discussions and planning for the new field division. No one asked for our input, which both found surprising being that fields done under the last field division are not in good shape at this time. K. Raschen explained that we still have our parks, easements, and will spend extra time fortifying at the nursery, trimming small trees, and so on. There is always work to do here for our employees. Thankfully we were not threatened with loss of employees or equipment. W.R. Comery asked J. Weber if this plan was ever discussed at a Mayor and Council meeting. J. Weber stated she would have to check her notes.

Planting- 161 trees are to be planted during the spring, if more than that is possible we will get more trees planted. K. Raschen received a very good price per tree, approx. \$135, and he will be going to tag (pick out) which trees we want, so we get the best ones available to us.

Aerial Bucket truck #402- K. Raschen, J. Sexton, and D. Preis will be presenting to the Mayor and Council regarding the replacement of 402. This is not the first time K. Raschen will be making his case to the Mayor and Council, but we are hoping this meeting gets the ball rolling to at least place the order for the replacement truck. These bucket trucks take over a year to build.

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

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ordinance Revisions- J. Sexton stated he had several conversations regarding the verbiage in the ordinance. His revisions were sent this morning. Once they are reviewed we will send out the final revisions for the commission to review as well. #8, which was discussed last month is verbatim from the State of NJ's enabling ordinance 40-64.

402 – D. Preis reiterated that we have to have a good discussion about replacing this truck. J. Sexton and K. Raschen agreed.

Chairman's Report-

New Business -

Old Business-

Land Use- We received restitution, approximately \$12,000.00 for the trees damaged on RT 4 at David Alan Salon.

Personnel-

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:46 pm made by D. Minervini, seconded by B. Keppler. All in favor