

BOARD OF SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2021

Present: J. Sexton, A. Les, D. Preis, B. Keppler, C. Hittel, W.R. Comery

Absent: M. Ivanicki, D. Minervini, K. Raschen

D. Preis 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.

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

Phone was not accessible for call-in

Public: no public

Superintendent's Report:

Tree Preservation Release – 80 Birchwood Road- J. Sexton stated there are ST-1 violations on file, and the tree has been removed. Motion made to hold tree preservation made by C. Hittel, seconded by A. Les. All in favor.

PSEG Planned Trimming 2021-2022- PSEG is planning to trim certain circuits, including routine trimming and 69KV trimming. Crews initially came in without notification, Jay Kaplan from PSEG was contacted and had a meeting with K. Raschen and J. Sexton. The group that trimmed on Prospect Street for PSEG is not permitted to trim in this town any longer. We are working with them to have permits filled out for their upcoming trimming locations to avoid any other issues.

Tree Planting- Trees are ordered, and trees are available for planting at our nursery. We are looking to start planting as soon as possible, with the other programs and work currently being done.

Removals- Working to balance routine trimming, service requests, ash removals, etc. Approximately 11 ash trees were removed on Oakwood Drive. PSEG is currently assisting with removals on Forest Avenue by Merrimack Court with a police detail. They will be working on wire side McKinley Boulevard next, and the wire side of Adams Lane/Rose Drive. This assistance is at no cost to the borough. We are also working on as many Saturdays as possible doing ash removals.

Aerial Bucket Truck #402- There is an issue with Altec receiving their co-op status. Until their paperwork is complete and approved, we are on hold for the order.

Authorization to Pay Bills- Motion made by A. Les, seconded by W.R. Comery. All in favor.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Sidewalks- The Contractor has submitted mark outs for locations in town, and should be starting soon. J. Sexton also spoke to the borough engineer about going out to bid once this contract ends.

Roots in the Lawn- There are 18 locations that returned the hold harmless form to the office for the program. The form is mailed when their initial request is made so they are ready to go for when the program starts in spring and fall.

100 Year Anniversary- J. Sexton explained that he received an email about a possible committee forming for the 100 year anniversary of Paramus. J. Sexton reached out regarding this anniversary about 26 months ago. He is looking forward to possible plans for the celebration of 100 years.

Chairman's Report-

New Business -

Old Business-

Land Use-

Personnel-

Motion to adjourn meeting made by W. R. Comery, seconded by A. Les. All in favor