

BOARD OF SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2021

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

Absent: D. Pries

C. Hittel called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 M. Ivanicki, seconded by A. Les. All in favor.

Phone was not accessible for call-in

Public: no public

Superintendent's Report:

Tree Preservation Release – 395 Chestnut Street- K. Raschen stated there are no issues on file, and recommends release. Motion made to release tree preservation made by B. Keppler, seconded by W. R. Comery. All in favor.

PSEG Trimming PSEG is planning to trim throughout the borough. The group that trimmed on Prospect Street for PSEG is not permitted to trim in this town any longer which the PSEG representative agreed with. They are now looking to trim in the area of James Brown Drive which may be denied as it is a buffer and do not want to deviate from the approved landscape plan. They are also looking to remove a few locusts at 140 route 17. It was checked with J. Sexton, the trees have been heavily pruned on one side. K. Raschen suggested leaving the trees as they are not near any wires, and do thorough pruning rather than allowing removal without reason. The commission passed around photos of the location. Motion made by M. Ivanicki to trim, not remove, seconded by A. Les. All in favor.

Tree Planting- We are experiencing delivery delays. The last update from our vendor stated the trees may be delivered the following Monday or Tuesday.

EAB Plan- This plan was presented to the governing body by K. Raschen and past chairman W.R. Comery in 2015 asking for support with the emerald ash borer in regard to equipment, removals, etc. We still have many trees to come down. K. Raschen is considering trying another appeal regarding the EAB infestation for support.

Aerial Bucket Truck #402- Revised quotes were sent – the price has increased by approximately 33% since we last received quotes. Hoping to place the order as soon as possible.

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

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Roots in the Lawn- All locations that returned their hold harmless are complete for the year. There was about 30 total locations between the spring and fall.

Centennial- J. Sexton met with W.R. Comery looking for information on the Shade Tree Commission and history for the 100 year celebration.

Sidewalks- Approximately 50% complete with the current listing. J. Sexton explained he will be going over the contract for next year.

Chairman's Report-

New Business -

Old Business-

Land Use- K. Raschen stated there have been a lot of revised plans coming back for review.

Personnel-

Motion to adjourn meeting made by W. R. Comery, seconded by D. Minervini. All in favor