

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN
February 8, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Schoffel
Guy Buckel
Paul Kelahan
Larry Magee
Councilmen Dave Vergaretti

MEMBER ABSENT: Jerry Hourihan, Jr.

The February 8th meeting started at 5 P.M. Matt Schoffel approved the minutes of January 18, 2018 and Larry Magee seconded.

New Shade Tree members Guy Buckel, Paul Kelahan and Councilmen Dave Vergaretti were introduced. Matt spoke to new members as to what Shade Tree gets involved with. Matt and Larry are meeting with Grace about pamphlet dealing with types of trees that should be planted in Matawan (pictures of said trees will be included).

Guy asked about trees and sidewalks that are lifting because of tree roots and who pays for removal of sidewalk trees. Guy also stated that after Hurricane Sandy his area (Chestnut Dr.) a tree came down causing no property damage but left the neighborhood with no electricity for nine days. Guy also thought that a little more cleanup up of twigs and undergrowth around Lake Lefferts would be a good idea. Matt will contact Art from Garden State Landscaping in the spring about additional cleaning around Lake Lefferts. Guy also indicated that he spoke to freeholders about sidewalks leading to Lake Lefferts.

Dave made a suggestion that tree seedlings be offered to Matawan residents when a child is born or when someone passes to be a memorial. Perhaps a plaque could also be placed by said tree. Matt asked Paul if he could help by looking into cost of tree seedlings due to Pauls landscaping company.

Paul Kelahan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 P.M. and Guy Buckel seconded. The next meeting will be March 8th in the Environmental/Property Office at MMCC, 201 Broad Street at 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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