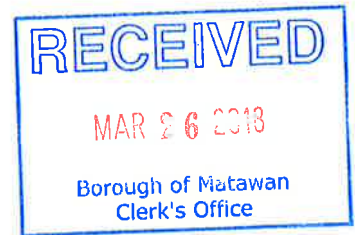


SHADE TREE COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN
March 8, 2018



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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Hourihan, Jr.
Paul Kelahan

GUEST: Grace Rainforth (Clean Community
Co-ordinator)

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

Grace Rainforth joined us and spoke that all Matawan committees should work together, respect each other, and not overstep each other. She stated that Shade Tree should now think about the 2019 goals and set an agenda for those projects. Shade Tree should participate in more local events such as: Earth Day, Matawan Day, Arbor Day, and Matawan Nite Out. We should also think about the Ravine Drive School west parking area near road, where trees were cut down and raggedy edges were left possibly causing injury, helping to plant tree seedlings, and have more input when new construction is done in town as to plantings. Matt said he would contact Garden State Landscaping about more clean-up at both Lake Lefferts and Lake Matawan. Budget projections should be done now and if necessary ask for more finances for 2019. Dave indicated that he would look into the possibility of more finances and Matt will work on a proposal to submit to council.

Grace indicated that Rutgers has educational programs that are paid with funds from Shade Tree budget and would assist us with more knowledge. A tree planting project to get community involvement and community education would be a good way to let Matawan residents know what Shade Tree is all about. Grace also spoke about a tree that needs to be looked at on Marc Drive. In May a recycling plant located behind Jon-Ron Liquors on lower Main St. should be opened and Grace would like to have some type of shrubbery in front of the plant. If possible some type of planting along marsh area would stop erosion.

Guy will look into an on line group called Tree City U.S.A. which would help us set up a tree board, tree care ordinances, trees first program set up, and help us get alot of information to help serve the community better. Grace also mentioned that we should get a map of what Matawan government owns so that we can find areas that need care.

Matt Schoffel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. and Dave Vergaretti seconded. The next meeting will be April 12th in the Environmental/Property Office at MMCC, 201 Broad Street at 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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