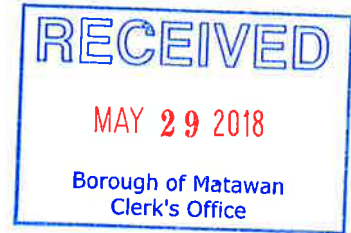


SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN  
May 17, 2018



MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Schoffel  
Guy Buckel  
Jerry Hourihan, Jr.  
Paul Kelahan  
Larry Magee  
Councilmen Dave Vergaretti

The May 10, 2018 meeting was rescheduled to May 17, 2018. Matt Schoffel approved the minutes of April 12, 2018 and Jerry Hourihan, Jr. seconded. The May 17th meeting started at 5 P.M.

Matt asked if DPW would be able to help with tree work and if possible help with a tree located at 13 Washington St. Jerry indicated that DPW is short handed at present time but that Jerry would speak to Jake and see what might work out.

Guy asked about local people helping the Shade Tree Commission with spruce up work within the town. Dave indicated that such a group would need insurance to cover accidents/injury and therefore Shade Tree Commission couldn't do the work. Guy indicated that local people want to help but the town says NO due to liability insurance. Dave said he would bring this matter up at next council meeting. Changing the time of our meeting was brought up and upon discussion it was decided to keep the meetings starting at 5 P.M.

Matt talked about a clean up at Lake Lefferts for the July 4th celebration and Guy suggested to tape items that needed to worked on. Matt will contact Art from Garden State Landscaping about another clean up by them. Matt, Larry, and Dave attended a 3 hour lecture at Rutgers and received nine credits toward New Jersey Forestry Commission. One subject at the lecture was about the Emerald Ash bore that attacks Ash trees. We would have to survey all of Matawan as to where Ash trees were planted and figure out how to prevent distruction of said trees. On personal property the homeowner would be responsible to take down or correct the tree problem. Dave indicated that if 70% of the tree looked good then that tree could be saved.

On April 27th a autumn glory tree was planted near the gazebo and named Blossom. There were 25 red maple seedlings taken home by Larry Magee and they are doing well. Another 25 were distributed to those in attendance.

Jerry stated that he will contact Nancy Haddock (Matawan Rotary President) and inquire about their plans to plant a tree somewhere in Matawan. Nancy Haddock had attended our September 14, 2017 meeting asking what the Rotary could plant and where.

Matt spoke about once we are part of the New Jersey Forestry Commission then Shade Tree could apply for grants next year. Also Matt asked who would be in charge of area of ragged tree stumps located in front of parking area at Ravine Drive School. Perhaps Shade Tree could get the School Board to remove the stumps and then Shade Tree might plant red maples in place of the ragged stumps.

Jerry Hourihan, Jr. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 P.M. and Matt Schoffel seconded. The next meeting will be June 14th in the Conference Room at MMCC, 201 Broad Street at 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen A. Odell  
Secretary