

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN
FEBRUARY 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Hourihan, Jr
Larry Magee
Matt Schoffel
Guy Buckel
Councilman Dave Vergaretti

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Kelahan

GUEST: Grace Rainforth (Clean Community Co-ordinator)

The February 14th meeting started at 5 P.M. Jerry Hourihan, Jr. approved the minutes of January 10th and Larry Magee.

2019 Shade Tree Commission meeting dates were approved by Jerry Hourihan, Jr. and Larry Magee.

Matt Schoffel told Shade Tree Commission was approved by Tree City USA they are going to send a Welcome package to help with Arbor Day Celebration. Welcome package includes 2 signs and other things should be received first week of April. Someone has to find out who hangs the signs Fire Department or DWP. Grace Rainforth suggested signs to be hanged one on each end of Main Street. Matt Schoffel also signed up for New Jersey Forestry Department by email to add Matawan Arbor event to there website. If we are one of the first 50 to add event would receive a kit. Matawan was one of the first 50 to add event and will be receiving a free kit.

Matt Schoffel is going to invite someone from the New Jersey Forestry to attend council meeting on April 16th to announce that Matawan was accepted to the program. Councilman Dave Vegaretti will talk to the Mayor to add Agenda.

Shade Tree Commission was invited to attend Tree City USA New Jersey Arbor Day Celebration at Rutgers on April 26th.

Councilman Dave Vergaretti talked about Arbor Week Poster Contest. The poster contest is open to all Matawan residents in Kindergarten through third grade. Poster had a release form and will asked on form if they want a tree. Art teacher recommend to be one size.

On April 27th Matawan Arbor day celebration we have 200 trees to give to the kids. An idea was to at least have 50 potted trees or bring your own pot and have the kids plant themself. Need to find out cost of pots and soil. Also look into have popcorn and water what the cost will be and find out the health code. Will ask Dawn from Party Village she will be set up at the gazebo.

It was decided to have two Bronze plaques one for 2018 and 2019. It will have the 4 winners name and date from each year (2018-2019) engraved also name of tree.

Shade Tree still has to meet with Jake Applegate from DPW to do a walkthrough on both side of lake to get a bid to cut trees down. Also still look into shared services with Monmouth County and see what they would charge to cut the trees.

Guy Buckel motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 P.M. and Larry Magee second. The next meeting will be March 14, 2019 in the conference room at MMCC, 201 Broad St at 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary McMurray
Secretary