

SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN
February 9, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Larry Magee*
Matthew Schoffel
Guy Buckel
Ray Stuetz
Councilman Brian Livesey
Susan Patla

GUEST: *Sally Stilwell*
Andrew Ullman - Davey Resource Group

The February 9, 2023 meeting started at 5:30 P.M. Larry Magee approved the minutes of January 12, 2023 and Councilman Brian Livesey second.

The Borough of Matawan hasn't had a tree Inventory for about 50 years.

Andrew Ullman from Davey Resource Group has a Proposal for Tree Inventory and Community Forest Management Plan for The Borough of Matawan requested by The Shade Tree Commission.

When the group does inventory for Municipalities it is GIS based. They will send out field Arborists with a handheld computer and walk every street and physically capture every tree in the right away. For the parameters of the project that're set.

They will be in the field with aerial imagery similar to if you change to Google maps to satellite view. That is when they would see themselves with a little blue dot on that street and plot the tree. Once the data collection process is complete you can customize the data fields for The Borough of Matawan. In the proposal you will find the most common data fields that are used.

Data collection feeds into Tree Keeper software it is map based and designed to be used on your phone or table. The program can be used by the DPW to locate trees and has other information available.

Areas of interest for data collection are canopy coverage, tree count, dangerous trees and possible areas where we could or should plant trees.

Matthew Schoffel motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. and Guy Buckel second. The next meeting will be March 9, 2023 in the conference room at MMCC, 201 Broad Street at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary McMurray". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

*Mary McMurray
Secretary*