

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN
March 9, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Hourihan, Jr.
Councilman Mike Caldon
Councilman Brett Cannon
Larry Magee
Matt Schoffel

The February 9, 2017 meeting was cancelled due to snow storm.

The March meeting started at 5 P.M. Jerry Hourihan, Jr. approved the minutes of January 12, 2017 and Councilman Mike Caldon seconded.

Jerry, Matt, Mike and Larry met the end of February at Lake Lefferts to look into the cutting of lower branches of trees so that people passing on Ravine Dr. could see the lake. Three estimates were received: Expert Tree Service = \$8500, Garden State Tree Service = \$3500, and Barrett Tree Service = \$7500. Garden State was given the job.

Councilman Mike Caldon stated that our new budget is \$20,000. Monica stated that now we can pay Barrett Tree Service for past services. Mike also reported that there may be a bush planting at Clinton Street park. Lights will be placed in the basketball court at Clinton Street park. The tree planting program will go forward shortly. Additional grants for benches and plants along ADA paths at Lake Lefferts being looked into by the Recreation Commission. Mike spoke about the new building going up at the old Foodtown location and that perhaps Shade Tree could have some input towards tree plantings.

Jerry will speak to Ken Marr about trees that have had all their limbs cut and just the trunk is standing. Also there are several trees that need to be removed behind Masonic Temple. There is no Community Service item at the moment.

Larry Magee motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 P.M. and Matt Schoffel seconded. The next meeting will be April 13, 2017 in the Environmental/Property Office at MMCC, 201 Broad Street at 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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