

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN
May 31, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerry Hourihan, Jr.
Councilman Mike Caldon
Larry Magee
Matt Schoffel

GUESTS:

Lou Ferrara (Boro Administrator)
Pat Mena (Boro Attorney)
Karen Wynne (Boro Clerk)

The meeting started at 1 P.M. Lou Ferrara spoke about how to handle public inquiries about tree removal. Seems that one homeowner on Vermont Court called upon Mayor Altomonte, Lou Ferrara, and Councilman Mike Caldon to discuss the broken sidewalk and removal of a tree. There needs to be faster response by Shade Tree when a inquiry comes in about tree removal. The homeowner is responsible for upkeep of their sidewalk.

Lou Ferrara recommended that a speedier way of communication between Shade Tree and residents be looked into. Perhaps when an inquiry comes to Karen Wynne and then Shade Tree, a member of Shade Tree could speak with the resident and then write a report the next day and within 10 business days notify the borough officials and resident what the outcome of the inquiry would be. Shade Tree member would be able to explain the tree ordinance and calm the resident. Shade Tree will only take down diseased or dangerous trees.

It was suggested that when an application for a new building comes in, that the specs come to the attention of Shade Tree and that Shade Tree have input as to new plantings. Also Shade Tree should look over and revise the standing ordinance that was adopted in 2002.

The meeting ended at 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

