

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN
July 13, 2017

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

The July 6th meeting was held on July 13 due to scheduling problems. The July meeting started at 5 P.M. Mike approved the minutes of June 9, 2017 and Jerry seconded.

Mike and Matt spoke about some trees on Poet's Dr. in the area of Frenau's monument. The front area could use a cleaning and a Bob Fisher inquired about three locust trees that are growing his property. The boro put up a brick wall and now the wall is overgrown. Mr. Fisher indicated that the boro would take care of the area (a fence separates the two properties). Mr. Fisher offered to take down the locust trees and Shade Tree will not allow him to do so. He should see Karen Wynne and fill out an application so that a paper trail starts. Perhaps Garden State Landscaping could clean up area so that the Frenau monument can be seen.

Larry indicated that trees near train station have been limbed up. A resident at 119 Vermont Court spoke with Mayor Altomonte about a 14 ft. diameter tree and broken sidewalk. Seems that Mayor Altomonte wants the tree cut down by borough and there was a meeting on May 31, 2017 where this situation was addressed and decided that the tree would not be taken down by the borough. The homeowner is responsible for the broken sidewalk. Said tree is not diseased or dangerous.

Matt and Mike discussed five projects that Shade Tree should consider: 1) clean up area by old 7/11 on lower Main St., 2) clean up area around Frenau's monument, 3) clean up lower branches at Lake Lefferts on Ravine Dr., 4) clean up dead tree at Memorial Park, and 5) perhaps some new tree planting along Lake Lefferts on Ravine Dr. side. Garden State Landscaping will be approached about some of these projects.

Matt showed pamphlet from Freehold Shade Tree Commission and suggested we keep our pamphlet to a one page tri-fold. On cover could be Shade Tree emblem and inside basic rules, our mission statement, and common questions and answers. Matt also asked about a connecting link on the web site and monthly updates of the web site.

Larry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 P.M. and Matt seconded. The next meeting will be August 10, 2017 in the Environmental/Property Office at MMCC, 201 Broad Street at 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary

