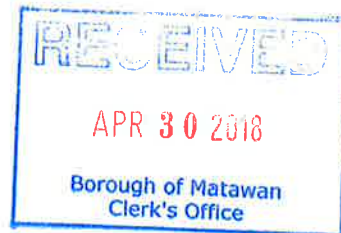


SHADE TREE COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN
April 12, 2018



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Schoffel
Jerry Hourihan, Jr.
Larry Magee
Councilmen Dave Vergaretti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Guy Buckel
Paul Kelahan

GUESTS:

Mrs. Jerrilyn Bean (Master Gardener)
Grace Rainforth (Clean Community Co-ordinator)
Dan Wietzorek (Environmental Commission)

The April 12th meeting started at 5 P.M. Matt Schoffel approved the minutes of March 8, 2018 and Jerry Hourihan, Jr. seconded.

Matt stated that April 27th is Arbor Day and that he spoke to Lou Farraro about planting a tree on that day. Larry went to Cassola's in Holmdel and got estimates for a tree. A red maple that is 2 inches in diameter would cost \$260 and \$130 to be planted by Cassola's. A pin oak the same size would run \$160 to \$180. After meeting a spot will be determined by Shade Tree Commission. Matt will talk to John Applegate about the D.P.W. about planting tree. Mrs. Bean stated that the root ball of the tree (if enclosed with burlap or wire) that the burlap or wire be removed or cut back so that roots can spread out. Mrs. Bean stated that compost should be put first in hole to help promote growth. Larry suggested that the tree be planted before any ceremony and Mrs. Bean agreed.

Dan Wietzorek asked about the ceremony for tree planting, asked Matt about a proclamation which Tree City U.S.A. requires, Mayor Altomonte would discuss with Borough Council a tree resolution plus tree ordinance and Mayor Altomonte be present at actual tree ceremony. The ceremony could possibly take place on a Saturday and the community would be invited. Matt will contact the Independent Newspaper to take photo's and have a write up about Arbor Day.

Dan spoke about April 14th being a clean up day held by the Environmental Commission and public is invited. Dan also stated the Environmental Commission is giving out seedlings hopefully to be planted in 5 gallon containers and then next year the seedlings would come back to Environmental Commission and be planted somewhere in Matawan. Mrs. Bean stated that the seedling program is being done in Jackson and Dan invited Mrs. Bean to the next Environmental Commission meeting.

Matt stated that on May 16th there will be a 3 hour course held at Rutgers to find out about grants. The course will be held from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. Matt also indicated that Loretta Windas of Matawan was asking about a possible dog run somewhere in Matawan. Dan suggested that Aberdeen Township be asked if a joint dog run would be possible and Grace suggested that any further development could include a dog run area.

Councilmen Dave Vergaretti asked about a tree on Miriam Drive that fell on borough property. Jerry stated that the tree was cut down today and the borough paid for the cutting. Jerry also reported that a homeowner on Rustic Lane wishes to have a tree cut down between sidewalk and the curb. Jerry will speak with homeowner stating that she will have to pay for cutting of tree, have to get a permit, and replace that tree since the original tree is on borough property. Shade Tree agreed with the idea.

A letter of resignation was presented by Kathleen A. Odell to Shade Tree Commission, Councilmen Dave Vergaretti, and Karen Wynne (Borough Clerk). Hopefully someone will be found before the November meeting.

Matt Schoffel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 P.M. and Dave Vergaretti seconded. The next meeting will be May 10th in the Conference Room at MMCC, 201 Broad Street at 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Odell

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Secretary