

SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN  
June 14, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Guy Buckel  
Paul Kelahan

GUESTS: Brian Mc Donald (Urban & Community  
Forestry)  
Grace Rainforth (Clean Community Co-  
ordinator)

The June 14th meeting started at 5 P.M. Jerry Hourihan, Jr. approved the minutes of the May 17th and Larry Magee seconded.

Matt stated that he will contact Garden State Landscaping about estimate to do more trimming around Lake Lefferts in preparation for July 4th celebration and that an old cypress tree located at 51 Wyckoff Street had been cut down. Jerry indicated that Bob Fisher on Poet's Drive still wants borough to cut down three locust trees that are hanging over his property and that Jerry will have Bob Fisher speak with Lou Farraro (Boro Administrator) for the final say about cutting down trees.

Brian Mc Donald spoke about what it takes to become involved with the Urban & Community Forestry Program. A town needs to have the following requirements annually: a current community forestry management plan, have two Core trained people, each of the Core people must accrue eight Continuing Education Units (CEU's) annually, and an annual accomplishment report. CEU's can be obtained by attending Rutgers program and Matt, Larry, and Dave attended said program. Joining the Urban & Community Forestry Program would give us liability protection from hazardous tree situations, promote tree training items education opportunities, set foundations for tree resources, and access to grants.

Matt Schoffel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 P.M. and Dave Vergaretti seconded. The next meeting will be July 12th in the Conference Room at MMCC, 201 Broad Street at 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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