

SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN  
JANUARY 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Hourihan, Jr  
Larry Magee  
Matt Schoffel  
Guy Buckel  
Councilman Dave Vergaretti

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Kelahan

GUEST: Grace Rainforth (Clean Community Co-ordinator)  
Jake Applegate  
Dan Wieczorek

The January 10th meeting started at 5 P.M. Jerry Hourihan, Jr. approved the minutes of November 8th and Guy Buckel.

Jake Applegate was invited to discuss Aberdeen Road between Union Street and Matawan Avenue pruning and cutting trees. DPW can cut smaller trees curb and sidewalk prune back. Can't cut trees down because safety issues also no training. Only in a Emergency if a tree has fallen down in the road DPW will cut tree up and push it out of the way with the frontend loader to clear road. Jake will meet with Jerry Hourihan to find out what trees need to be cut down and will get price quotes. Guy Buckel and Dan Wieczorek asked if it would be cost efficient if DPW received the equipment and training. Jake Applegate said long term would be cheaper. Jake Applegate also mentioned that DPW is now responsible for lawns and pruning Borough property no private company this year. DWP also has the responsibility of Matawan water/sewer system. Borough could put in a request to share services with County Shade Tree Commission they have all the equipment and certification that is required.

Grace discussed 2019 Arbor Week Poster Contest. The poster contest is open to all Matawan residents in Kindergarten through third grade. One winner from each grade level will be selected. The poster must reflect an understanding of the important role trees play in our town. Theme for poster contest is

"Trees Are Worth It". Winners will receive an award certification and their names at the tree planting on the Official Arbor Day plaque at Borough Hall on April 26, 2019. Contest will run from March 1, 2019 thur April 1, 2019 and all poster will be displayed in the Municipal Building. All entries are due Monday, April 1, 2019 with an attached release form.

Jerry Hourihan motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 P.M. and Larry Magee second. The next meeting will be February 14, 2019 in the conference room at MMCC, 201 Broad St at 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary McMurray

Secretary