

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**BOROUGH OF MATAWAN**

*June 10, 2021*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** *Larry Magee  
Matt Schoffel  
Guy Buckel  
Councilman Brian Livesey*

**GUEST:** *Gary Lovallo  
Ray Stuetz*

*The June 10th meeting started at 5:30 P.M. Larry Magee approved the minutes of May 13, 2021 and Matthew Schoffel second.*

*Gary Lovallo was a guest speaker who is an arborist. The Shade Tree is consulting with Gary Lovallo in order to strengthen and enhance the Borough Shade Tree ordinances. Some topics that were discussed were tree topping, which is the practice of removing the tops of trees. Tree topping puts a tree in catastrophic injury and is banned by the Board of Transfers any company who engages in this practice can lose their license, take down a tree, replace a tree at a different location, change tree permit fees, planting trees in spaces between sidewalk and curb must meet certain guidelines in order to plant. Gary Lovallo also answered questions that were asked by members of The Shade Tree Commission.*

*Councilman Brian Livesey will check and review some of the ordinances that were discussed.*

*Matthew Schoffel said the Forestry Management plan will be arriving soon. The Forestry Management Plan is to identify, evaluate, improve and promote the Borough of Matawan forest for the benefit of the Borough. Assess the size, location, condition and importance of the community forest resource and inventory historical and other specimens within the Borough.*

*Guy Buckel motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M. and Councilman Brian Livesey second. The next meeting will be July 8, 2021 in the conference room at MMCC, 201 Broad Street at 5:30 P.M.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

  
*Mary McMurray*  
Secretary