

**Emerson Shade Tree Commission Minutes
May 11, 2016**

Roll Call:

Chairman Hoffman	Present
Mr. Frassa	Present
Ms. Frassa	Present
Vice Chairman Bueti	Present
Mr. Kraycinovich	Present
Mr. Bosch	Present
Ms. Clark	Absent
Councilwoman DiPaola	Present
Secretary Merida	Present

Meeting called to order at 7:39

The announcement was made regarding notice of this meeting. Fire exit locations were identified to all present.

Approval of Minutes from meeting on April 13, 2016:

Motion to approve 1/13/16: Mr. Bueti

Second: Ms. Frassa

Correspondence

Request from Mrs. McElwain to include her son in next year's arbor day ceremony. He passed away in July 2015 and will be included next year.

Monthly Budget Update

Reduction of approximately \$7300 from last year. Ms. DiPaola will check into possibly receiving additional monies from left over monies.

Motion to Open to Public: Ms. Frassa

Second: Mr. Bueti

1. Ruth and Robert Bressler of 105 George Road (rabressler@optonline.net) have a town sweet gum tree with roots growing toward their house (28 inch DBH). They would like it removed. It is not a healthy tree and people are tripping over it, it should come down. There is also a swamp maple (36 inch DBH) on easement next to their property. It has a limb leading toward their house. It may need PSE& G approval to be taken down.
2. Cheryl Dickerson of 43 Colonial Road (cheridickerson@gmail.com) have an "immense" oak tree that children and adults trip over and has raised 3 sidewalk slabs. Tree is leaning toward house and root system has previously been comprised from prior cutting.

Motion to Close to Public: Ms. Frassa

Second: Mr. Kraycinovich

Motion: Move agenda item 8 up to this point: Mr. Bueti
Second: Mr. Frassa

Michael Griggs (michaelgriggs@gmail.com) from the Emerson Environmental Commission and Green Team came to discuss Sustainable NJ and what the Shade Tree Commission can do to help get certain certifications.

Tree Inspectors Report:

34 Crest: Stump removal and fall tree planting
59 Maepaul: 2 trees to be removed (1 15 inch dbh locust and 1 17 inch dbh locust)
29 Summer Court: One 26 inch dbh Norway maple to be removed
36 Overlook: one 28 inch dbh Ash to be removed (PSE&G)
105 George Road and Dogwood: One 28 inch dbh sweetgum and one 36 inch dbh swamp maple (multistem)
21 Dyer: one 20 inch dbh Norway maple for removal
43 Colonial: 38 inch dbh oak for removal (sidewalk damage)
15 Bolling Street: trim 33 inch dbh oak
38 Fourth Street: remove 2 pear trees, remove 2 cedar trees
Boro Hall: remove one Norway Maple and trim one Oak
970 Soldier Hill Road and 7 Congress: Maple that is not a town tree

Motion: Approval of Mr. Frassa's recommendations for trimming and removal and to give Mr. Frassa approval and right to call ACE and or PSE&G for order of tree removal: Ms. Frassa
2nd: Mr. Bosch

Roll Call:

Mr. Bueti: Yes
Mr. Hoffman: Yes
Mr. Kraycinovich: Yes
Mr. Frassa: Yes
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Mr. Bosch: Yes

Unfinished Business

1. Arbor Day Final Preparations: Tremendous turnout this year.
Motion: Reimburse Ken \$40 for Materials: Ms. Frass
2nd: Mr. Frassa
2. Continuance of Arbor Day Memorial: Need to think about guidelines for coming years
3. Spring Tree Planting Update:
Motion: STC will place extra Kentucky yellowwood in place of dead maple on boro property
2nd: Mr. Bueti
4. Compensation for March 9 Secretarial work. No response from Mr. Bob Hoffmann.

- Motion: Compensate Mr. Bueti and Ms. Merida \$75 each for work done
2nd. Mr. Kraycinovich
5. Financial Disclosure Forms: Everyone on STC has completed.
 6. Tree Management Plans: Waiting for plans for Chestnut and Randolph properties.
 7. Community Forestry Management Plan: We will think about it and discuss moving forward.

New Business

1. Bylaws Ammendments:
Motion to amend bylaws as stated: Mr. Frassa
2nd: Mr. Bosch
Roll Call:
Ms. Frassa: Yes
Mr. Hoffman: Yes
Mr. Kraycinovich: Yes
Mr. Bueti: Yes
Mr. Frassa: Yes
Mr. Bosch:Yes
2. Starbucks Application: Developer does not want to plant 7 trees as per ordinance. Ken will draft letter.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Merida