

**EMERSON SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 14, 2015**

**7:30 P.M.**

2014 Shade Tree Commission Chairman  
Kraycinovich called the meeting to order at 7:35  
p.m.

**Roll Call –**

Chairman Kraycinovich	Present
Mr. Frassa	Present
Ms. Frassa	Present
Vice Chairman Hoffman	Present
Ms. Merida	Present
Councilwoman DiPaola	Present
Mr. Bosch	Present
Secretary Rizza	Present

The **announcement** was made regarding  
adequate notice of this meeting and posting of all  
such notice. Fire exit locations were identified to  
all present.

**2015 REORGANIZATION**

A motion to appoint Ken Hoffman as **Chairman** of the Shade Tree Commission for the year 2015 was made by Mr. Kraycinovich, seconded by Mr. Frassa and carried by roll call vote with all in favor. There were no other nominations.

A motion to appoint Ms. Merida as **Vice Chairman** of the Shade Tree Commission for the year 2015 was made by Mr. Kraycinovich, seconded by Mr. Bosch and carried by roll call vote with all in favor. There were no other nominations.

A motion to appoint Kathy Rizza as **Secretary** of the Shade Tree Commission for the year 2015 was made by Ms. Frassa, seconded by Mr. Frassa, and carried by roll call vote with all in favor. There were no other nominations.

A motion to appoint Ken Hoffman and Peter Kraycinovich as members of the **Site Plan Committee** for the year 2015 was made by Mr. Bosch, seconded by Mr. Frassa, and carried by roll call vote with all in favor.

A motion to approve the **2015 Shade Tree Commission meeting schedule** was made by Ms.

Merida, seconded by Mr. Kraycinovich and carried by roll call vote with all in favor.

A motion to appoint Mr. Frassa as **Tree Inspector** for the year 2015 was made by Ms. Frassa, seconded by Mr. Bosch and carried by roll call vote with all in favor. There were no other nominations. A motion to only appoint one tree inspector this year was made by Ms. Merida, seconded by Mr. Kraycinovich and carried by roll call vote with all in favor.

A motion to appoint Mr. Merida and Mr. Bosch to the **Tree City Special Committee** for the year 2015 was made by Ms. Frassa, seconded by Mr. Frassa, and carried by roll call vote with all in favor.

A motion to appoint Ms. Frassa, and Mr. Frassa to the Tree Planting Special Committee was made by Ms. Merida, seconded by Mr. Bosch and carried by roll call vote with all in favor.

**A motion to go into public session** was made by Ms. Merida, seconded by Mr. Bosch, and carried by all.

Mr. Johnson of 50 Sanford Avenue was present to discuss some trees at his location that he feels are on town property that need trimming. Chairman Hoffman explained the process of the Commission and that a letter will be sent after a site visit.

The public portion of the meeting was closed on a motion from Ms. Frassa, seconded by Ms. Merida, and carried by all.

Get well flowers will be sent to CFO Cathy Henderson from the Commission. This will be paid for by the Commission members, not the Borough.

### **Tree Inspector Report:**

Mr. Frassa stated that there are 8 trees that need to come down quickly since they are hazardous.

- 1- Mr. Yang, Park and Blair, a tree with a hole in it.
- 2- A huge oak on Hasbrouck that could crash into the train.
- 3- A tree on the path on Broadway.
- 4- Two trees – location???????

- 5- 31 Grand Blvd – the homeowner parks his car under this tree.
- 6- Farrelly residence on Union Street – a deceased Linden tree.
- 7- A tree on So. Dorchester.
- 8- A Spruce at Clinton and Jefferson.

A vote was taken to add the Yang tree to the existing list – a motion was made by Ms. Merida, seconded by Mr. Bosch and carried by roll call vote with all in favor.

A lengthy discussion was held on funding for tree removals and tree plantings for 2015. A letter will be written to the Mayor and Council putting them on notice of responsibility if emergency funding is not provided. All members agreed to this.

### **Old Business:**

The check for \$305.00 has been received from Mr. Saudino for his violation.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Frassa has spoken to former member Mr. Schaefer on his willingness to work on the

Community Forestry Plan as a Consultant. Mr. Schaefer will do the paperwork for this.

In light of what occurred at the last meeting, the Commission will be limiting public comment to 5 minutes, which can be extended by consensus, and no one will come beyond the railing to address the commission. It was noted that there is a panic button at the dais.

Chairman Hoffman expressed his frustration with Mr. Sartori in not obtaining the funds owed to the Commission. He will address the situation with letters to the proper people. Mr. Hoffman has also asked the Mayor and Council the proper procedure to proceed with this matter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bosch and seconded by Mr. Kraycinovich, and carried by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rizza