

Emerson Shade Tree Commission Minutes
April 13, 2016

Roll Call:

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

Meeting called to order at 7:37

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

Reappointment of Peter Kraycinovich: Oath of office given by Ken Hoffman

Appointment of Stephanie Clark to Alternate position: Oath of office given by Ken Hoffman

Motion to Open to Public: Ms. Frassa
Second: Mr. Bosch

Marie Buchert of 31 Orchard Ave voiced concern over the impending tree removal that PSE&G is planning to take down. The Shade Tree Commission will email the borough administrator to see if it is possible for PSE&G to move wires rather than cut down the beloved town spruce

Motion to Close to Public: Mr. Frassa
Second: Mr. Bueti

Approval of Minutes from meeting on January 13, 2016 and March 9, 2016:

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

Second: Mr. Kraycinovich

Motion to approve 3/9/16: Ms. Frassa

Second: Mr. Frassa

Monthly Budget Update

New budget was introduced and it is anticipated to be passed at May 9, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Bueti voiced concerns that the budget was \$80,000 less than the one requested and submitted by the Shade Tree Commission. It's not enough to remove all the

dead and diseased trees in the borough or to keep up with new issues. He requested that the council liaison Councilwoman Danielle DiPaola look into coming up with a figure somewhere in the middle. Councilwoman DiPaola said she would as she's on the finance committee.

Correspondence

Mr. Hoffman handed out new Shade Tree Federation cards to members.

Tree Inspectors Report:

DPW will start removing stumps with stump grinder borrowed from Westwood on 4/15/16.

284 Ackerman Ave: Town remove 1 tree

157 Ackerman: 3 maples PSE&G remove

195 Palisade: PSE&G remove

207 Palisade: PSE&G remove

64 Sanford: PSE&G remove

2 Grossbeck: PSE&G remove

2 Sanford/100 Palisade: PSE&G coming back

288 Birch: dead maple

157 Ackerman: 3 trees in wires need to be removed

125 East Ackerman: 2 dead limbs on oak tree over street

6 Hasbrouck: dead, hollow swamp maple. Very bad.

274 Lincoln Blvd: 36 inch oak, dead/hollow, must be removed

203 Wortendyke: dead trees

203 Wortendyke/Lincoln: Trim Oak

170 Congress: removal

142 Congress: stump removal that is buried in ground

288 Kinderkamack: 1 pin oak, trimmed

65 Clinton: removal

46 Spruce: remove 2-3 dead swamp maples by pool

10 Tarnapole Ave: remove 2 Ash trees

100 Palisade: removal

24 Ross: removal

56 Clinton: remove 2 trees (cedar and maple)

30 Highland: Trim

45 Highland: remove 2 maples, trim 1 maple

25 Scott Court: removal by town

Union/Marianna: Potter tree removed by Perry

71 Hasbrouck: remove swamp maple

288 Birch: remove dead maple

Motion: Approval of Mr. Frassa's recommendations for trimming and removal: Mr.

Bosch

2nd: Mr. Bueti

Unfinished Business

1. Arbor Day Final Preparations: Diana and Steve cannot attend this year.
Motion: David Hayes will be included again this year at his widow's request:
Mr. Bueti
2nd: Mr. Kraycinovich
2. Spring Tree Planting: several people have responded and will be put on either spring or fall planting list.
3. Kuiken Brothers Application: does not apply to Shade Tree Commission
4. Centennial Park Project: Environmental commission reports it is still pending.
No plan yet.
5. Sustainable Jersey Green Team: Must first get Community Forestry Management Plan approved.

New Business

1. Financial Disclosure Filing: Please file by April 30.
2. Compensation for secretarial work from March meeting. Will asked if it can be split between Mr. Bueti and Ms. Merida
3. Need to make a few changes to bylaws at next meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Merida