

BOROUGHOF EMERSON SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2024

Meeting called to order by Scott Grzybowski at 6:55 PM

Adequate Notice of Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call were carried over from the Re-Organization Meeting

TREE INSPECTORS REPORT: PERRY SOLIMANDO

1. TREES LOCATED AT THE VETERAN'S HOME ON MAIN STREET WERE INSPECTED. THE LIST OF TREES AND DIMENSIONS ARE CORRECT.
2. TREE LOCATED AT 14 BROAD STREET INSPECTED AFTER RECEIVING A COMPLAINT. THE TREE IS HEALTHY AND PERRY RECOMMENDED LEAVING THE TREE:
VOTE OF THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION:

YES-4 NO-0

3. GRINDING OF 10 STUMPS BY TIMBER TREE SERVICE FROM DPW REMOVED TREES.
4. DPW REMOVED A PINE TREE THAT BLEW DOWN DURING A STORM AT 138 WORTENDYKE AVENUE
5. AN INSPECTED ROTTED TREE AT 57 MAEPAUL DRIVE WAS DETERMINED TO BE ON COUNTY GOLF COURSE PROPERTY AND THE PROPER AUTHORITY WAS CONTACTED.
6. YEAR-END TREE CITY REPORT: DPW TRIMMED 24 TREES, FEMA TREE SERVICE TRIMMED 2 TREES, DPW REMOVED 16 TREES, PSE&G REMOVED 6 TREES. DOWNES TREE SERVICE REMOVED 1 TREE.
7. SAFETY HELMETS FOR TREE TRUCK CREW WERE PURCHASED.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13,2023 MEETING WERE APPROVED WITH THE ADDITION OF VOUCHER TOTALS OF:

Timber Tree Service (stump grinding): \$1,500.00
Fremgen's Power Equipment (safety helmets): \$1,244.00
TOTAL: \$2,744.00

VOTE: YES-4 NO-0

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 .Planning for Spring tree planting: Scott reported that it is in progress.

RETURN TO RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING:

David Colin arrived at 7:10 at which time Scott Gryzbowski nominated him as commission Chair Person. The nomination was seconded by Karin Argenzia:

VOTE; YES-5 NO-0

Scott also nominated Marie Shust as Commission Secretary. This nomination was seconded by Jessica Fricke:

VOTE: YES-5 NO-0

2. 2024 ARBOR DAY CEREMONY: Karin Argenzia will be arranging the ceremony. A discussion followed regarding choosing a site for the ceremony. Borough Hall will be worked on during the spring so it was ruled out. Perry will be looking into other areas or parks that would be appropriate.

3. Update of Commission page on Borough Website was tabled

4. Update of Tree Species for Street Scape was tabled.

5. Update of Tree Management Form: Dave Colin will be reporting back on this.

Jessica reported a problem with accessibility of the Tree City USA website. The password is needed for her to apply.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION DUTIES:

PLANNING FOR SPRING PLANTING: SCOTT GRYZBOWSKI *LIST DISTRIBUTED*

2024 ARBOR DAY CEREMONY: KARIN ARGENZIA

COMMISSION PAGE ON BOROUGH WEBSITE: PAUL LAUTERBACK

TREE SPECIES: DAVE DITOTA

TREE MANAGEMENT FORM: DAVE COLIN

TREE CITY USA: JESSICA FRICKE

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

GENEVIEVE DITRANI

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2024