

**EMERSON SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

7:30 P.M.

2015 Shade Tree Commission Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call –

Mr. Kraycinovich	Absent
Mr. Frassa	Present
Ms. Frassa	Present
Chairman Hoffman	Present
Vice Chairwoman 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

Diana Merida was sworn in as a member the Shade Tree Commission.

Minutes – January minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Approval of Bills – none

Budget Update - Cathy Henderson has been out sick so we have not been able to get an updated print out from the Edmunds System on Commission funds. As soon as Cathy returns this will be obtained.

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

Ann Brosan – 160 Highland Avenue – interested in how the Shade Tree Commission works and will be coming to all our meetings. Inquired about watershed trees.

Ed Bueti – 91 Chestnut Street – interested in becoming a member of the Commission. Ken Hoffman and Steve Frassa explained what would be involved. The Mayor will be informed of Mr.

Bueti' s interest in becoming an alternate member of the Commission.

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

Tree Inspector Report:

Steve Frassa

121 Lozier – the neighbors' tree is on the wires. PSE&G removed the limb that was hanging, but the homeowner is still not satisfied. This site will be visited this weekend.

Old Business:

Subaru – In the past they requested to remove a town tree, we never responded so they removed the tree. It was discussed whether or not to ask for a \$200.00 tree fund donation. There is no room at this site to plant a tree.

Proposed ordinances – These will be sent to the Borough Attorney for review, providing there is

no charge. This will be put on the next agenda for further discussion.

Tree Management fees owed - Mr. Chilini's letter was read and so was Chairman Hoffman's response. His letter was returned due to the incorrect address. He had been invited to attend this meeting.

Mr. Satori responded to the Chairman's letter regarding outstanding fees still owed – he will enforce.

New Business:

The amendments to the By-Laws, Article 4, Section 5 was approved by all on a motion from Mr. Frassa, seconded Mr. Bosch and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Hoffman	yes
Merida	yes
Frassa, D	yes
Bosch	yes
Frassa, S	yes

When added to the existing by-laws copies will be distributed to all.

Mr. Frassa stated that the parks in town need trees and would like to do this as a fall planting. A list of trees was read by Mr. Frassa and all members were asked to look them up. Prices will be obtained from certain vendors.

Arbor Day will be Saturday, April 25th at 3:00 p.m. Press Releases will be done. The species will be decided at the next meeting. The location will be Washington Oak Park.

Regarding the borough website – the membership needs to be updated. The tree removal request section needs to be changed.

Tree City – Kevin Schaefer needs to be contacted since he was interested in helping with this.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Frassa and seconded by Ms. Frassa, and carried by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rizza, Secretary