

EMERSON SHADE TREE COMMISSION

May 14, 2014

7:30 P.M.

2014 Shade Tree Commission Chairman Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call –

Vice Chairman Hoffman	Present
Mr. Frassa	Present
Ms. Frassa	Present
Chairman Schaefer	Present
Mr. Kraycinovich	Present
Ms. Merida	Present
Councilwoman DiPaola	Present (7:45 pm)
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.

The **minutes** of April and May will be approved at a future meeting.

Approval of Bills –none

The meeting was opened to the public on a motion from Mr. Frassa, seconded by Ms. Merida, and carried.

Donna Furnish of 29 Spruce Street was present to request the town to look at a dying tree with termites at her residence. This tree will be looked at and determined if it is a town tree. A recommendation will then be made to the Commission.

Hackensack Golf Club – Nilifer DeSherer from Archer and Grenier was present on behalf of the Golf Club. Dan LaMotte from LaPatka and Associates and Rich Lane of the Club were also present. The Club has received permission from the Land Use Board for a new pool and paddle courts. Bill Commery of the Paramus Shade Tree Commission could not be present at this meeting but he has designed all the landscape plans that will be shown at this meeting. Ken Hoffman asked that all removals and new plantings be reviewed for all members at this meeting. Mr. Commerys reports (A-20 and A-16) dated 3-20-14 were distributed. There were 110 trees removed in the pool area and there will be 113 replacement trees. Exhibit A-18 dated 3-20-14 shows the 39 trees

that fell under the old ordinance. This exhibit shows the size and condition of the trees to be removed and how many need to be replaced due to caliber size. Exhibit A-20 shows the types of trees that will be used as replacements. There will be 10 extra trees planted by the old pool. Mr. Frassa would rather not see too many of one species of trees planted in case of disease. Mr. Frassa and Mr. Hoffman will visit the site. Mr. Lane stated that trees that provide good screening were picked to help shield the neighbors. It was stated that the Land Use Board professionals had input on the tree species that were picked. The Shade Tree ordinance was reviewed by all.

The meeting was closed to the public on a motion from Mrs. Frassa, seconded by Mr. Hoffman, and carried by all.

Tree Inspectors Report –

There is a healthy chestnut oak tree at the Ramagli residence at the corner of Pavonia and Ackerman that is destroying the driveway and needs to come down.

89 Longview has a stump that needs to be removed.

50 Orchard has two trees to be removed – a sycamore and a maple.

5 Seneca has a silver maple that is on the list for removal.

Mrs. Petrillo at 36 Ross Avenue has a maple tree that is lifting the sidewalk and ruining the lawn and needs to come down.

121 Lozier – the neighbor's tree is getting into the wires.

Mr. Kosterick of 143 Pascack Avenue has a borough tree that has large branches that will fall and could injure someone. Joe Solimando looked at this tree and needs PSE&G to look at it.

Doreen Ercolano has a tree hanging over her shed at 49 Grand Blvd. This tree needs to be climbed to be cut down. This section of Grand Blvd is a paper street – the Commission has no jurisdiction over paper streets. Joe Solimando will be asked if this section is indeed a paper street.

A motion was made to trim one tree and remove one tree at 36 Pavonia by Ms. Frassa, seconded by Mr. Hoffman, and carried by roll call vote of all members present.

Old Business –

The bid process for tree removals was discussed. There are over 120 trees that need to be removed and if all were to be done it would cost over \$130,000. A revised list containing the worst cases will be done. Residents who have been waiting a long time will be included in this list. A motion was made by Ms. Merida, seconded by Ms. Frassa, to spend \$50,000. saving \$17,000. for emergencies. All members voted in agreement. A motion was also made by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Merida to allow Mr. Frassa and one other member to make the decision as to which trees are the worst cases. All members voted in favor.

The tree removal process will be discussed again at the next meeting.

A letter will be sent to Michael Saudino asking for \$400.00 to be paid to the Commission for his

removal of a town tree. A tree will be planted in Washington Park to replace this one.

Ken Hoffman will send a letter to Mike Sartori, CCO about old situations that need finalization – the Armenian Home, Locust Avenue, Auricchio Avenue, and Highland Avenue.

It was decided that George Buono could remove the tree on Jefferson Avenue at his own expense. There is no vote necessary.

Ken Hoffman will do a press release advertising for two new Commission members.

New Business –

Kevin Schaefer stated that he is resigning as Chairman. He is moving out of town. All members thanked him for his efforts. He is not yet resigning as a member. The Vice Chairman will run the meeting while the Chair is vacant. A new Chairman will be elected at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Rizza