

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

March 3, 2021 Meeting - 7:00 PM

1st Floor- Large Meeting Room/Virtual

Meeting Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:06 pm Thom Ritchie
2. **Present-** Thom Ritchie, Jeanne Pattersen, Stacey Ehling, Alan Walker, Tara McQuade, Bill Brash (7:22), Nancy Mac Neill, Greg Hanley
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Announcement of Open Public Meeting Act** In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, (c231, P.L. 1975) this meeting was announced by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building reserved for that purpose, by mailing such notice to the offices of the official newspapers and the Township and filing such notice with the Township Clerk.
5. **Minutes:** February minutes were approved unanimously.
6. **Guests:** Possible Guest with denied TRP for clearing of 12 acres. Adam Self, 10 Love Lane (resident to be present) Some discussion ensued, but guest was not present. STC hopes to speak with homeowner.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Update of iTree inventory-** pending more information, Bill will meet with people next week and try to get info via CFMC (Community Forestry Management Council)
 - b. **Spring 2021 Street Tree planting-**
 - i. Discussion of list, STC will make calls to people on the list provided by Karen the homeowner list of 50. (Alan, Bill, Greg, and Thom will call these people after Bill divides the list)
 - ii.
 - c. **Code Enforcement-of Shade Tree Ordinances**
 - i. **Meeting pending March 24th** with Pete and Scott to discuss myriad issues (LTE for Township, representation of DPW quarterly, Spring Tree planting of the 50 trees and better flow of information (including the revised TRP that involves more detail and documentation (pictures), online form easy to access)
 - d. **2021 Arbor Day-** Applegate Tree for April 30th with Sabrina Winchman (Tara has a green light from Brad Millaway)-mark outs need to be made, Tara will contact Mr. Millaway to move this along
 - e. **DPMA replacements-**Trees to buy-Thom will assess the needs of the park
 - i. Bill's Tree (replace Turkish filbert), Halesia, Nyssa.... The list will be updated and communicated for purchase this spring
 - f. **Spring Order-** Bill Brash will fine tune the spreadsheet and determine which species we should send out to bid for the several projects discussed above
8. **New Business:**
 - a. **Shade Tree Monthly Report-** TRP discussed and the importance of keeping a record of the removed trees. STC discussed that this will become easier with revised TRP to be discussed at 3/24 meeting.
 - b. **Correspondence-**Tree Care Postcard looks great will go out with the new trees when planted
 - c. **Revisions to the TRP-** STC will work on the Tree Removal Permit on the website.
 - i. Nancy has a draft of the TRP and will send a picture
 - d. **Follow up on Mall TRP request-** Freehold Raceway Mall- no update
 - e. **Arbor Day 2021-** May 1st, 2021 at Durand Park
 - i. **DPMA Tree-**Saturday May 1st- Tara is collecting money for the dedicated tree and we will order tree with the other trees for the Spring Planting
9. **Good and Welfare:** Garden State Tree Conference (ISA), great talks this year, subjects are excellent, and speakers are well prepared, lots of training available and great info out there
10. **Meeting Adjourned** at 8:17

Minutes recorded and submitted by Tara McQuade.