

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
October 5, 2021 Meeting - 7:30 PM

AGENDA

Attendance

Thom Ritchie - Chairman
Alan Walker – Township Committee liaison
Bill Brash
Greg Hanley
Kurt Davis
Dixie Krass for Adam Self

Meeting Called to Order - 7:35 pm by Chairman Thom Ritchie.

The Statement of Adequate Notice was read.

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.

Salute to the Flag

Meeting Minutes of September 2021

MOTION 1: The minutes were reviewed by the Commissioners and approved as written in a motion made by Bill Brash and seconded by Greg Hanley, carried unanimously.

Shade Tree Appeal Hearings:

6 Love Lane – Proposed Tree Removal: Dixie Krass was attending the meeting on behalf of her son Adam Self residing at 6 Love Lane and applying to remove 3,200 square feet of trees around the home. The Chairman requested a drawing or plan showing the limits of disturbance and what was being proposed and pursuant to the ordinance this would need to be provided by a Licensed Tree Expert (LTE). The tree removal company has obtained an LTE but Ms. Krass does not know the name of the LTE. The request by the STC to Adam Self through Ms. Krass, was to have a drawing provided showing the limits of disturbance and the DBH and species of the trees proposed for removal to determine if heritage trees are part of the removal plan and if so, they must be evaluated as a hazard or if healthy, mitigated/compensated for pursuant to the ordinance.

Wemrock Professional Building: Professionals from this project did not attend the meeting.

Unfinished Business: The Fall 2021 Tree Planting Project still requires eight (8) confirmations by the residents. Greg Hanley provided one (1) possible location and will check with the resident. Thom Ritchie provided two new possible tree planting locations and will contact the residents directly.

The Tree Permit application form revision was submitted by Stacey and she did a great job. Some fine tuning required.

New Business:

The Durand Park Maintenance needs are becoming substantial and require addressing to keep the Park safe and attractive. Irrigation lines require maintenance as well as dead tree removal, washout repair and deer browse protection. The tree planting contract will address the dead tree replacement needs.

Good and Welfare – Thom encouraged all members of the STC to attend the NJ Shade Tree Federation Meeting in Cherry Hill. Alan will not be able to attend. Thom, Bill and Greg are planning to attend.

Open Public Discussion – No public present so no discussion

MOTION 2: Motion to adjourn was made by Bill, seconded by Greg and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes taken by Bill Brash