

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION – TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**April 8, 2021**

**OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The Regular Meeting was a virtual meeting held on Go To Meeting beginning at 7:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Chairperson: Norman Colten  
Member(s): Stephen Gaudette, Jack Kearns, Hank Kliem, Moshe Gordon  
Alternate II (s): Ken Lutz  
Associate(s): Ed DiFiglia  
Liaison: Margie Donlon, Councilwoman  
Others:

**Absent:** Member(s):  
Alternate I (s): Michelle Crosta  
Associate(s): Marc Rogoff, Carolyn Gulick, Laurel Von Gerichten, Michael Davenport

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW:**

Norman Colten announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Notice was sent to the Asbury Park Press, The Coaster, and News 12 New Jersey and posted in Town Hall and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk on July 31, 2020.

**REVIEW:**

**READING OF AGENDA.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Motion to approve by Steve Gaudette; seconded by Jack Kearns. All were in Favor.

**BUSINESS:**

**BUDGET:**

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None received

**REVISED TREE ORDINANCE:** No update

**STREET TREE CONSIDERATIONS:** No update

**COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN:** No update

### **INVASIVE VINE REMOVAL AT JOE PALAIA PARK:**

Chairperson Colten spoke with Mike Davenport and said that he stated he was in contact with the head of the DPW, Mark Disakias and he stated it was okay for the use of pesticide on the stumps for vine removal. This needed to be done by a licensed pesticide handler. There were none available in the town for that day. Ed DiFiglia stated the EC would use their funds to pay a licensed pesticide handler if need be.

### **HAZARDOUS TREE EVALUATIONS & PROCESS:**

**56 Dune Rd:** Upon the Community Development department receiving a phone call from the resident at the referenced address stating that a tree in the Right-of-Way is dead/damaged/dying contacted Hank Kliem. Hank examined three trees on the property's frontage. None of the trees inspected look like they are in great shape, but none look like they are dying. One tree has an extreme lean on it, which may be the one the property owner is referring to. Hank knocked on the resident's door, but no one answered. Hank feels that the lean on the tree is significant enough to give the permission needed to go ahead and remove the tree.

**189 Ampere Ave:** Chairperson Colten did not contact the resident but will contact them and let them know that both Hank Kliem and his self believe the tree is in good shape and should not come down. He will also inquire as to why they want it to come down.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PROGRAMS:**

#### **Community Tree Recovery Program:**

Free Tree distribution will theoretically take place Sunday, April 25, 2021 between 10am-2pm. We will be getting 500 trees from the NJ State Forestry Nursery. We will not know the varieties until they arrive. We will be getting five varieties from a list of 39, provided by the state.

**Trees for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders:**

The Shade Tree Commission purchased a little over 650 trees for the Townships 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and the 4<sup>th</sup> graders who were unable to receive trees last year due to Covid-19. Norm has been speaking with Pat Sullivan at Ocean Twp. high school, who has been coordinating this with all the township's schools. Steve Gaudette will pick up the seedlings & the Ocean Twp. Garden club offered to help. We will give a bunch to the township's school system, Hillel school & Search Day program. Tress varieties will include red maples & northern oak.

**CONCERNS:**

Chairperson Colten would like to get DPW more involved and possibly educated to notice problems around town with trees. He feels that the township should have more than one Licensed pesticide applicator in town.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Alternate Ken Lutz stated that Councilmember Donlon is pushing on the Council hard to get the Tree Ordinance passed. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks we will see some movement on it.

Member Jack Kearns stated that he has spoken to Pat Sullivan from Ocean Twp. High school, and he has several high school students to help with any various projects the Shade Tree Commission may have. He has also spoken with Dian Brannen and she is anxious to help out as well.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made to adjourn by Member Kearns; seconded by Member Hank Kliem. All were in favor

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Oates, Secretary