

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

July1, 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): Moshe Gordon, Stephen Gaudette
Alternate II(s): Ken Lutz
Associate(s):

Others:

Absent: Member(s): Hank Kliem, Jack Kearns
Alternate I (s): Michelle Crosta
Associate(s): Marc Rogoff, Carolyn Gulick, Michael Davenport, Ed DiFiglia,
Laurel Von Gerichten
Liaison: Margie Donlon, Councilwoman

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 June 30, 2021.

REVIEW MINUTES

Motion to approve June's minutes as amended by Member Gordon; seconded by Member Lutz. All were in Favor.

READING OF AGENDA

BUSINESS:

BUDGET:

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

CORRESPONDENCE: None received

REVISED TREE ORDINANCE: No update

STREET TREE CONSIDERATIONS: No update

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PROGRAMS: None at this time

COMMUNITY FORESTRY: No update

INVASIVE VINE REMOVAL AT JOE PALAIA PARK: No update

1) HAZARDOUS TREE EVALUATIONS & PROCESS:

15 Kenneth Dr: Hank received a request from the homeowner to remove three trees in the ROW in front of the home. Upon inspection by Hank, one tree is an ash tree, in decline, likely from emerald ash borer. A second tree, maple, also in decline. The third tree, locust, is splitting, making it a potential hazard.

Chairperson Colten also inspected the trees in question and agreed with Hanks assessment. All were in favor to allow the homeowner to remove all three trees in the ROW.

2) NJUCF STEWARDSHIP GRANT:

Two types of grants are available, Resiliency Planning and Reforestation and Tree Planting. The first level is up to \$50,000 and the second level is up to \$250,000. The town will have to acknowledge that they will match it 25% with funding or in kind contributions.

The Township will be applying for the resiliency planning (analysis) grant since it is not eligible for the larger grant. Planting (and associated costs) cannot be funded unless a tree inventory of the areas where trees would be planted has been completed previously.

Potential items for the analysis grant are street inventories, identification of hazardous trees, follow-up on earlier inventory, and an analysis of Joe Palaia Park to determine what can be done to save the park from deer and invasive species.

The basis for the grant application is the Township's Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP). Our CMFP is several years old (created in 2014) and some things that are worth addressing are not included as goals or objectives. A modification of the CFMP will have to be submitted to NJDEP before the grant application is submitted.

A possible issue for when the Township might attempt to obtain a planting grant is that those grants are for trees on public property. This may be an issue with some streets in town; especially those with sidewalks.

CONCERNS:

GENERAL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to adjourn by Member Lutz; seconded by Member Gaudette. All were in favor

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Oates, Secretary