

# MINUTES OF THE FANWOOD SHADE TREE COMMISSION

**Date: June 27, 2018**

As presiding officer, I hereby announce and request such be included in the minutes of this meeting that the notice of the time, place and date of this meeting has been prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Borough Hall, mailed to The Times and The Courier News, filed with the Borough Clerk and mailed to any person requesting the same in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. The regular monthly meeting of the Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Joanne Muoio at 7:00pm

## 1. ROLL CALL

Chairman	Steve Falco	Absent
Commissioner	Joanne Muoio	Present, chaired meeting
Commissioner	Adele Kenny	Absent
Commissioner	Tom Plante	Present
Commissioner	Dean Talcott	Present
Commissioner	Claudia Heffner	Present
Councilman	Kathy Mitchell	Absent
Alternate	Michelle Gardella	Absent

## 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting were approved.

## 3. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence

## 4. BILLS FOR PAYMENT

A motion to pay the bill to M&A Landscaping in the amount of \$2,050.00 for the March 29, 2018 work order was approved. This work was completed in April, 2018.

## 5. BIDS RECEIVED

There were no bids for review.

## 6. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Falco – an email message to the commission updated us on the spring tree planting event. All plantings were inspected and look fine. Some of the selectins were not available, and were substituted by the landscaper. We planted the following trees this spring: 3 Royal Raindrop crabapples, 3 black gums ‘Wildfire’, 1 Kwanzan cherry, 2 purpleleaf plums, 5 littleleaf lindens, 2 ivory silk tree lilacs and 2 Eastern rebuds.

Ms. Muoio – concern was expressed about sites that refused tree plantings. It was agreed that communication with current home owners is important and should be done when tree sites are staked for planting.

Ms. Kenny

Mr Plante – as requested, Mr. Plante visited with the residents at 22 Birchwood Terrace. They have a concern about the remains of a tree in their backyard that is on an easement. He explained that the Shade Tree Commission deals with street trees and suggested they consult an arborist.

Mr. Talcott – As part of his work with the Union County Master Tree, Mr. Talcott nominated the Honey Locust at Borough Hall for the New Jersey Champion Big Tree Registry. This tree has an 11/2 foot circumference. Mr. Talcott expressed concern about the many large thorns (spikes) that run along the trunk and branches, sighting this as a possible liability for the town. He is seeking permission to remove the thorns up to the seven foot level.

Ms. Heffner – reminded commission members of the NJ Shade Tree Federation conference scheduled for October 18 & 19 in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Ms. Mitchell

Ms. Gardella

7. OTHER BUSINESS - none

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, 2018.