

# **MINUTES OF THE FANWOOD SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

**Date: December 19, 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 Chairman Steve Falco at 7:00pm

## **1. ROLL CALL**

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

## **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 14, 2018 meetings were approved.

## **3. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Two emails from the NJ DEP pertaining to NJ to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. The Murphy Administration proposes rules for re-entry into RGGI; proceeds should benefit forestry project.
- Memo from Mayor Mahr / President of the NJ League of Municipalities, regarding A-2558, the "Vegetation Management Response Act". This bill, which is pending in the Assembly, "authorizes an electric public utility to utilize all available methods including, but not limited to, clearing, moving, cutting, or destroying to remove, replace, or maintain dangerous vegetation and to establish a program with a municipality to develop effective strategies to implement the provisions of this bill." A motion was made and carried unanimously to write a letter of concern regarding this proposal; Mr. Falco to draft.

## **4. BILLS FOR PAYMENT / WORK ORDERS COMPLETED**

No bills were received.

<b>Received</b>	<b>For Work Order</b>	<b>Amount</b>

## **5. BIDS RECEIVED**

None

## **6. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**Mr. Falco** reported that:

- We have 29 jobs still pending at an approximate cost of \$15,000.
- 78 Midway Avenue: 35" tree in need of removal; Ms. Mitchell to secure funds.
- New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign: we have reapplied and as a result will receive seedlings.
- 1 South Avenue Project: plans were available for review

**Ms. Muoio** reported that she has received her certificate for the Core Training received at the Shade Tree Federation Conference.

**Ms. Kenny** – absent

**Mr. Plante** – absent

**Mr. Talcott** reported:

- "Show and Tell": the fruit of an Osage Orange tree
- The Honey Locust at Borough Hall is a runner up in the State's big tree contest

**Ms. Heffner** – no report

**Councilwoman Ms. Mitchell** reported that at a recent Council meeting a Russell Road homeowner, whose property abuts Borough property, is concerned that an invasive plant on Borough property is encroaching her property.

**Ms. Gardella** – absent

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Fall Tree Planting: ten trees were planted November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Meeting Dates 2019: a room has been secured to conduct meetings in 2019 on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** of the month except for August when there will be no meeting.
- 156 North Martine Avenue: continued discussion regarding the walnut tree on the Woodland Avenue side of the property.
  - A search has revealed that there is no record at Borough Hall concerning injuries associated with falling walnuts.
  - One neighbor has recently written a letter of concern
  - The tree is healthy and does not meet the criteria for removal according to our Tree Removal Policy.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. A holiday celebration followed.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2019.