



# TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE

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**Chairperson** – Dan Ostrowski

**Vice Chair** – Gina Talamo

**Commission Members**- Joseph Adelfio, David Carbone, Bill Hoban, Vincent Lovallo, Lori Stapleton

**Other Attendees** – Ellen Connor, Anita Greenberg-Belli, CO G. Lovallo

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Shade Tree Commission was called to order by the Commission's Secretary, I. Lar-Moore on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 9:07a.

**FLAG SALUTE** – 9:08a

## **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

The Secretary called for the nominations for Chair of the Commission for the 2020 year. G. Talamo nominated Dan Ostrowski to remain as Chair. The nomination was seconded by L. Stapleton and the nomination carried, and Mr. Ostrowski accepted the position.

Then the Chair called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Commission for the 2020 year. The Chair then nominated Gina Talamo as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded and nomination carried and Ms. Talamo accepted the position.

**ANNOUNCED COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT** - In compliance

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Dan Ostrowski, Dave Carbone, Gina Talamo, Lori Stapleton, Conservation Officer/Forester Gary Lovallo ("CO G. Lovallo"), Bill Hoban

**Excused:** J. Adelfio, V. Lovallo

## **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING REVIEWED**

Minutes of the December 21, 2019 meeting were reviewed. One error was cited. **A Motion to approve with correction was made by B. Hoban and seconded by G. Talamo and the motion carried.**

**BUDGET** – There is currently \$558,762.23 in the Trust. Forty-nine Thousand dollars was incumbered for the 97 trees that were planted last year.

## **TREE SPECIALIST GARY LOVALLO/FORESTERS REPORT**

**Presentation and Discussions:** CO G. Lovallo distributed and discussed his report from December 21, 2019 to December 30, 2019. Report is available upon request.

## **PERMITS**

There were 3 permits issued.

### **Site Plan Review**

- *ALLERASSAP WAREHOUSE* – located at Cheesequake and Bordentown Avenue Rt. 18 and Foxborough Drive; will be removing trees to clear site for warehouse including a Heritage Tree that is in bad condition.
- *OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY/BRUNETTI SITE* – The water tower will be built offsite.
- *ROUTE 34 ASSOCIATION* – Tennis club on Rt. 34 heading towards Matawan. They are going to build 3 indoor basketball courts in the back of the existing facility. This will have a hearing in February.
- *REALE* – This is on Sunset Avenue. It is an existing home that sits on two lots. The home will be taken down and 2 new homes will be built.

**Municipal Tree Planting Plan** – G. Lovallo informed the Commission that the State has advised that all Planting Plans that expire in 2020 will have a 5 year extension. Old Bridge's Plan expires in 2020.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ordinance Changes** – Ordinance changes that were discussed at the December meeting were being reviewed by Township Council and Township Administration.

**Arbor Day 2020** – Arbor Day is confirmed for Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will take place at Southwood Elementary School.

**Cottrell Farm** – No update since 12.21.19 meeting.

**Community Forestry Plan** – No update since 12.21.19 meeting.

**Grants** – No update since 12.21.19 meeting.

**Website** – D. Carbone will update the website with an advertisement for the OBTV station to include contact information for the Township's Shade Tree contact; this will include a phone number.

**Scholarships** – The theme of the scholarship will be **Solar benefits vs. Tree benefits**. V. Lovallo will manage getting the information out the local schools. Members offered to follow with all schools to get the word out to all schools about this opportunity.

**Bills** – No bills to report.

**Tree City** – The report's deadline for filing is February 14, 2020.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Residential Education** – No update.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50a by L. Stapleton and seconded by D. Carbone.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, February 20, 2020 @ 7:00p in Room 201