



TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
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Chairperson – Dan Ostrowski

Vice Chair – Gina Talamo

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

CALL TO ORDER

Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Chair, D. Ostrowski, on Monday, 3.18.2019 at 7:00p.

FLAG SALUTE – 7:01p

ANNOUNCED COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT - In compliance

ROLL CALL

Present: Dan Ostrowski, Vincent Lovallo, Ellen Connor, Lori Stapleton, Joe Adelfio, Councilwoman Anita Greenberg-Belli & Conservation Officer/Forester Gary Lovallo ("CO G. Lovallo")

Excused: Dave Carbone, Gina Talamo, Bill Hoban

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING REVIEWED

Minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting were reviewed and one correction made. Motion to approve was made by V. Lovallo and seconded by J. Adelfio and the motion carried.

BUDGET - \$517,216.18.

TREE SPECIALIST GARY LOVALLO/FORESTERS REPORT

Presentation and Discussions: CO G. Lovallo distributed and discussed his Monthly Report for March 2019 (2.28 – 3.15). Reports are available upon request.

Municipal Tree Planting Plan – CO G. Lovallo informed the Commission that the Plan does call for a certain number of trees to be planted and locations where that should occur. Currently, the Township is behind on tree plantings and to that end, CO G. Lovallo has contacted Recreation Director M. Mercurio to coordinate planting of trees this spring in area parks.

Site Plan Review

- **BORDENTOWN REALTY** – Will be formalizing the parking lot area; no trees will be removed.
- **AMBOY BANK EXPANSION** – Project is proceeding. Contractor received a Stop Work Order for working on a Sunday (3rd violation). Contractor requested if job could be completed before fine is

paid. Based on past work history, CO G. Lovallo recommended that the Commission grant the request and release the Stop Work Order to allow for work to be completed prior to paying the fine.

A motion was made by J. Adelfio to release the STOP WORK ORDER and allow work to continue and the fine will be paid once work is complete. The motion was seconded by D. Ostrowski and the motion carried.

- *OLD BRIDGE ENTERTAINMENT* – Old Circle Inn on Rt. 516 will be renovated into Forno Restaurant. Owners have agreed to plant 5 trees in the parking lot.
- *THE OAKS* – Will be clearing 400 acres of trees in preparation for a housing development.

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day 2019 – The Arbor Day date this year is April 18th 2019. The invitation will be sent out to Administration, Township Council and posted on the Township website, Facebook and Twitter.

Cottrell Farms – CO G. Lovallo updated that 9 trees have been removed. Work will begin soon on exterior of the farm.

Website – Members stated that the website is in good shape, but noted that modification of the link to additional information and forms required clarification. The Chair offered to follow up with D. Carbone to make the changes.

Grants – CO G. Lovallo has not heard anything on a grant that was submitted for funds to plant trees in Laurence Harbor on Cliffwood Way.

Scholarships – V. Lovallo reported no applications have been submitted. E. Connor also noted that she had asked both the OBHS Guidance Counselor and Principal's Office if they knew of any students who were applying and understood that they were not aware of the scholarship program. E. Connor offered to follow up with both Offices to get the word out regarding this opportunity. The deadline is April 14th.

Tree City - CO G. Lovallo reported that the application has been submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree planting – Will be done in the spring in cooperation with Old Bridge Parks & Recreation. Trees will be planted in all area parks.

CORRESPONDENCE

328 Green Street (house expansion and new landscaping project) Resident is currently making renovations to her home and landscaping. Architectural drawings show a healthy heritage tree that will obstruct the new front porch once improvements are completed. Resident desires to remove the heritage tree. There being an application to remove a heritage tree, CO G. Lovallo is required to deny the request. Upon review and discussion, the Commission agreed to grant the removal permit and stipulated that the resident plant 5 new trees on her property or pay \$2100, which could be accepted as the value of the new landscaping. **A motion to grant the permit with the set forth stipulations was made by D. Ostrowski and seconded by L. Stapleton and the motion carried.**

BILLS - none

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn was made by the V. Lovallo at 8:10p and seconded by L. Stapleton

Next meeting: Monday, April 15, 2019 @ 7:00p in Room 201