



# TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE

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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

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Chair, D. Ostrowski, on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 9:08a.

**FLAG SALUTE** – 9:09a

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

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Dan Ostrowski, Dave Carbone, Ellen Connor, Joe Adelfio, Gina Talamo, Lori Stapleton, Councilwoman Greenberg-Belli, Conservation Officer/Forester Gary Lovallo (“CO G. Lovallo”)

**Excused:** Vincent Lovallo, Bill Hoban

## **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING REVIEWED**

Minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed. **A Motion to approve was made by D. Ostrowski and seconded by G. Talamo and the motion carried.**

**BUDGET** – An update of the budget will be given at the next Shade Tree Commission meeting in December.

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

**Presentation and Discussions:** CO G. Lovallo distributed and discussed his reports from September, October and November 2019. Reports are available upon request.

## **VIOLATIONS**

109 Wesley – No permits for any work on the house including removal of trees.

10 Staghorn – Large Maple Tree removed without a permit; after tree was removed, all brush taken to Township property and dumped. No contractor hired for the job.

**A motion to suspend the meeting to hear from Kevin Ahern (Old Bridge resident) regarding the proposed Metro Storage development located on the Cindy Street jug handle on Rt. 9 in Old Bridge was made by D. Ostrowski and seconded by D. Carbone.**

**Motion to resume the meeting was made by D. Ostrowski and seconded by J. Adelfio.**

**Site Plan Review**

- *OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY/BRUNETTI SITE* – It was noted by A. Greenberg-Belli that the developer, Brunetti, will not be building the water tower on Rt. 9 site, the water tower will be built offsite.
- *SHANNON LEO* – Project, in Laurence Harbor, calls for the subdivision of one property into two. There was a fine of \$250 for removing trees without a permit. Developer is required settle the fine and plant 8 new trees. The plans are now being reviewed by the Old Bridge Planning Board and approval will not be given until these requirements are satisfied.

**Municipal Tree Planting Plan** – CO G. Lovallo informed the Commission that planting is completed. There are no more trees to plant. In total, 97 trees were planted, 33 of those were planted in the Municipal Complex.

**Complaints**

There were two resident complaints that CO G. Lovallo is addressing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Arbor Day 2020** – E. Connor reported that Arbor Day will take place at Southwood Elementary School in 2020.

**Community Forestry Plan** – No update.

**Ordinances** – Necessary changes are forthcoming.

**Grants** – (i) There is a \$20K grant that would allow for the replanting trees in a floodplain. CO Lovallo applying for the grant and has a few possible sites that fit the criteria of the grant.

(ii) Federal Government has a program where they are granting funds to Townships to maintain large open space that are under redevelopment pressure. CO G. Lovallo will be submitting an application for the program in January.

**Scholarships** – No update.

**Bills** – No bills to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Residential Education** – No update.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:02a by G. Talamo and seconded by L. Stapleton

**Next meeting:** Saturday, December 21, 2019 @ 8:00a in Room 201