



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

CALL TO ORDER

Shade Tree Commission was called to order by the Commission's new Secretary, Indira Lar-Moore, on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7:05p.

The Secretary then called for the nominations for Chair of the Commission for the 2019 year. Vincent Lovallo nominated Dan Ostrowski as Chair. The nomination was seconded and the nomination carried, and Mr. Ostrowski accepted the position.

Then the Chair called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Commission for the 2019 year. The Chair then nominated Gina Talamo as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded and nomination carried and Ms. Talamo accepted the position.

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCED COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

In compliance

ROLL CALL

Present: Dan Ostrowski, Gina Talamo, Vincent Lovallo, Ellen Connor, Lori Stapleton, Bill Hoban & Conservation Officer Gary Lovallo

Excused: Joe Adelfio & Dave Carbone

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING REVIEWED

Meeting minutes of the December 2018 meeting will be distributed at the February meeting for review and approval.

BUDGET

There was no formal review of the budget; it will be reviewed at February's meeting.

TREE SPECIALIST GARY LOVALLO/FORESTERS REPORT

Presentation and Discussions: Conservationist Officer/Forester Gary Lovallo distributed and discussed his Monthly Report for December 2018 (12.3 – 12.31) and January 2019 (1.2 – 1.21). Reports are available upon request.

Municipal Tree Planting - Shade Tree will continue to notify public of free Tree Planting.

Permits and Violations – There were 21 permits issued in December and 10 permits in January.

Complaints - There were no complaints either month.

Site Plan Review

- Oak Tree Plaza (apartment building on Rt.34 & Highview Terrace)
- Rt. 516 development
- Amboy Bank Expansion (Rt.9 between Wawa & existing Amboy Bank building)
- 25 Euclid Ave

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day 2019 – The Arbor Day date this year is April 18th 2019 and will be held at Madison Park.

Community Forestry Management Plan – Plan will be reviewed at the February 27th meeting.

Cottrell Farms - The tree plan for Cottrell Farms was reviewed. 1 Heritage, 2 spruces, 2 dead trees, 1 cedar, and 1 black walnut will be removed. The tree removal will be completed soon.

Website – It was reported that Commissioner Carbone had updated the website after the December meeting. All were encouraged to check the site and suggest changes as need be.

Grants – There were no grants reported on.

Scholarships – Vincent Lovallo reported that he would bring the grant to be reviewed at the February 27th meeting.

Tree City

NEW BUSINESS

Tree planting – 1 application for tree planting was submitted.

Correspondence: None

Bills: none

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Hoban at 8:35p and seconded by Dan Ostrowski

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 @ 7:00p in Room 201