



TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
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Chairperson – Gina Talamo
Vice Chair – Vincent Lovallo

Commission Members-

Dan Ostrowski, Bill Hoban, David Carbone, Lori Stapleton

Shade Tree Commission was called to order on November 17th 2018 by Vice Chair Vincent Lovallo

Flag Salute – 9:03

Announced Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act – In Compliance

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Gina Talamo and Vice Chair Vincent Lovallo, Liaison Anita Greenberg. Commissioner Dan Ostrowski. Joe Adelfio and Ellen Connor. Conservation Officer/Gary Lovallo, and Commissioners David Carbone and Lori Stapleton.

Excused: Bill Hoban

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed: approved after minor corrections. Motioned by V.L & 2nd by G.T., all in favor.

Budget: 644,901.88

Tree Specialist Gary Lovallo/Foresters Report:

Presentation and Discussions: Conservationist Officer/Forester Gary Lovallo distributed and discussed his Monthly Report for Sept 26th thru Oct. 22nd. Available upon request

Municipal Tree Planting – was successful with 69 trees planted and completed, by Roman Landscaping.

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

Permits and Violations – 21 permits. Violations issued.

Complaints: 15 Oakland Drive- had complaint of United Tree services trampling over vegetation from Queens Court to remove trees on Oakland. They have agreed to replace any damage.

Other Complaints discussed as complaints are increasing.

Site Plan review – Gary Lovallo/Conservation Officer/Forester –

- Avalon Bay was discussed. \$50,000 to be paid by Avalon

- Oakland Plaza on Route 34, Iskon of Central N.J.– to be reviewed by Tree Specialist/Conservation Officer Gary Lovallo (2 retail stores and 36 units to be built). Buffer required.

Old Business – Committee reports: August and September minutes approved after minor corrections. Motioned by V.L., 2nd by L.S. all in favor.

Arbor Day 2019 – on track to be held at Madison Park on April 18th 2019.

Community Forestry management Plan –In compliance

Cottrell Farms – was discussed. It is the Townships position to maintain Apple Trees.

Website – Commissioner David Carbone – no change

Grants – not available

Scholarships – No change

Tree City –signs are hung on route 516

New Business – Conservation Officer/Forester Gary Lovallo –

Tree planting – has been completed

Correspondence: None

Bills: none

Adjourn: 10:14 am meeting adjourned motioned made V.L. and 2nd by L.S.

Next meeting: 12/19, 1/23/2019, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22/, 6/26, 9/25th, 10/23rd, 11/20, Dec.21,2019