



TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE

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Chairperson – Gina Talamo
Vice Chair – Vincent Lovallo

Commission Members-

Dan Ostrowski, Bill Hoban, David
Carbone, Lori Stapelton

Shade Tree Commission was called to order on January 25th 2017, by Chair Gina Talamo.

Flag Salute – 7:05pm

Announced Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act and was approved.

Roll Call

Present: Gina Talamo, Dan Ostrowski, Bill Hoban, David Carbone and Conservation Officer/Gary Lovallo

Excused – Vincent Lovallo

Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting reviewed. Motioned for acceptance by Dan Ostrowski and 2nd by Bill Hoban

Guest – Dominick Milillo and Alla Korostyl (Lubo Bilowchtik – interpreter) of 110-115 Phillips Drive and Ben Arzadon of 3 South Street in Old Bridge.

Meeting agenda has been suspended motioned by Gina Talamo and 2nd by Bill Hoban to hear testimony for request to waive fines issued to both homeowners for attempt to remove a Heritage Tree without Permit.

After hearing the circumstances of both Homeowners David Carbone has motioned to waive the penalties, motion 2nd by Bill Hoban all in favor.

7:33 - D. Milillo, Alla Korostyl and Lubo Bilowchtik have now left the room.

7:35 – Ben Arzadon has requested one of his two fines pertaining to a unregistered contractor be waived. After hearing his testimony committee has agree to waive fine. G.Talamo has made a motion to waive fine and Bill Hoban has 2nd the motion all in favor.

7:39 – Ben Arzadon has left the room.

7:48 – Bill Hoban motioned return with meetings agenda and Gina Talamo has Second that motion.

Budget: N/A

Tree Specialist Gary Lovallo/Foresters Report:

Presentation and Discussions:

Municipal Tree Planting –Permits and Violations –

- Bob Gryeska – has not complied with notice to remove dangerous Tree in front of his home, he has requested a postponement until March due to lack of funds.
- 6 and 8 Redshaw has cleared all Trees due to Snake on his property.

Site Plan review – Gary Lovallo/Conservation Officer/Forester

- **Kennedy Warehouse on Waterworks Road** – cost for the removal of 3,800 Trees is being worked on.
- **102 Industrial Way, CEP Old Bridge LLC** – Forester Gary Lovallo has walked the property (where a Solar Farm is being built) for tree location removal and permit fees
- **Old Business –**

Committee reports

Arbor Day 2017 – Commissioner Gina Talamo

Community Foresters management Plan - N/A

Cottrell Farms – N/A

Grants Website – Commissioner David Carbone – has put together a package for the Website on the Emerald Ash Borer.

8:25 Commission has viewed EAB Documentary to be added to website to educate our residents on C.D.C will set up appointment with Administration to add documentary on website.

Extensive discussion on updating our website.

Scholarships – Commissioner David Carbone – has updated the Shade Tree Scholarship Document information. Committee has reviewed and agrees it is ready to be submitted to Administration for approval. All in favor.

New Business – Conservation Officer/Forester Gary Lovallo has suggested to find a location to build a memorial and arboretum would be opened to whoever would like to plant a tree in their memory.

Public Forum:

- All Tree planting requests have been acknowledged and will be slated for 2017.

Correspondence:

- None

Bills: N/A

Adjourn: 9:22 meeting adjourned motioned made by Dan Ostrowski and 2nd by Gina Talamo

Next meeting: March 15th 2017, April 19th 2017, May 17, 2017, June 21, 2017