



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 Stapelton

Shade Tree Commission was called to order on February 22nd, 2017, by Chair Gina Talamo.

Flag Salute – 7:05pm

Announced Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act - was approved. All in favor.

Roll Call

Present: Gina Talamo, Dan Ostrowski, Bill Hoban, David Carbone, new member Lori Stapelton,
Conservation Officer/Gary Lovallo

Excused – Vincent Lovallo

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

Tree Specialist Gary Lovallo/Foresters Report:

Presentation and Discussions:

Municipal Tree Planting –Permits and Violations –

- Mr. Khan of 5 Timber Grove requested removal of 3 trees after D.C and G.L surveyed the property it was learned that two of the trees occupancy is on conservation easement. Mr Kahn was instructed to come to the meeting to state his case to the Commissioners.
- Sodino Contracting was in violation and fined \$250 for not having a permit and another \$250 for removing a Heritage Tree. Also required to plant 5 trees.
- Tree planting on track and bids go out in 3 weeks

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.
- **Old Business – Committee reports**

Arbor Day 2017 – Commissioner Gina Talamo - Shepard School will be targeted for Arbor Day.

Community Forestry management Plan – no update

Cottrell Farms – nearing fruition and will soon be handed over to the town a proposal for an arboretum and memorial with Environmental, Parks and Recreation and Historical committees.

Website – Commissioner David Carbone Website is getting updated.

The EAB is being revised and will be put on website

Grants -

Scholarships – Commissioner David Carbone –

Dan Ostrowski and Forester Gary Lovallo - met with Mayor Owen Henry, Chris Marion (Business Administrator, Mr. Shah (Financial Director and Station Manager) and Karen Longo (Grant Writer) to discuss and approve Shade Tree Scholarship.

Mayor Henry will present the Scholarship winner at a Council meeting

All aspects of the scholarship will be handled by the Shade Tree Commission.

Scholarship will be offered end of May, 2017

Tree City – applications are being submitted

New Business – Conservation Officer/Forester Gary Lovallo –

- A proposal was made to produce a notice, (which will be approved by Mr. Rossello, attorney for Old Bridge) to notify New Home owners if there property is on Conservation land. It was also suggested that the Planning and Zoning be requested to place signs in all areas indicating Conservation Property.
- An Ordinance change was discussed to rescind and adopt the fees for Commercial, Non Residential and Industrial Property. An agreement of \$3500 an Acre or \$35.00 per Tree under an Acre was agreed upon. Motioned by G.T. 2nd by B.H. All in favor.

Public Forum:

Correspondence:

Mission statement was discussed and choices will be sent via email from Forester Gary Lovallo to commissioners for there opinion.

Bills:

- Request for Secretarial payment was submitted and motioned for approval by Dan Ostrowski and 2nd by Bill Hoban.

Adjourn:

- 8:34 meeting adjourned motioned made by Dan Ostrowski and 2nd by Bill Hoban.

Next meeting: March 22nd, 2017, April 26th 2017, May 24, 2017, June 28, 2017

