



TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE

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

Commission Members-

Dan Ostrowski, Bill Hoban,
Kathy Schulmeister

Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Vincent Lovallo and second by Dan Ostrowski, at 7:10 pm on July 27, 2016

Flag Salute – 7:10pm

Announced Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act.

Roll Call

Present: Vincent Lovallo, Dan Ostrowski,
Bill Hoban and Conservation Officer/Forester Gary Lovallo and Guest David Carbone

Absent – Kathy Shulmeister and Gina Talamo

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

Budget: 450,000.00 working appropriated budget increased budget due to \$16,000 deposit, multiple \$250 fines, and one \$2,400 payment for tree removal.

Tree Specialist Gary Lovallo/Foresters Report:

Presentation and Discussions – Review and Discussion –

- Introducing ordinance for Contractors to comply with the Safety provisions and O.S.C.A those who do not comply with safety regulations (Hardhat, Safety glasses, etc....) will receive summonses.
- Forester Gary Lovallo suggested that the Shade Tree Commission offer a scholarship program in the amount of \$500 - \$1,000 to Old Bridge High School students holding a 3GPA or more via a written essay designed towards a Public Relations campaign on getting the public to accept trees. A subdivision was created for the scholarship program naming Vice Chair Vincent Lovallo and soon to be Commissioner Dave Carbone as organizers of the program. Further discussions to be held at future meeting detailing the program.

- Discussion was held on expending our advertisement for free Tree Planting with the use Social Media
- B. Permits: 30 permits –
- BP Gold Site was denied a permit for the removal of Heritage Trees and is waiting on a private Tree expert to determine the cost.
 - 46 Oppenheimer was denied once again tree removal due to the failure to mark tree for the 3rd time Permit denied for not planting trees and planting 13 shrubs instead.
 - As per. Section 16b, 1 through 4 motion was made by Dan Ostrowski and 2nd by Bill Hoban for removal of tree without repercussion for 104 Throckmorton lane. All in favor.

Municipals Tree Planting Plan –

- Upon speaking with finance department a bid will go out on the 2nd week of August. Lakeridge West and Country place are on the list for prospective tree planting as well as 104 Throckmorton Lane.

Old Business:

_Committee Reports and Proposals -

1. Arbor Day Program: was a success at Carpenter school with the whole school attending a 45 minute seminar on trees.
2. Cottrell Farms: Historical committee is excited to be a part of Cottrell Farms preservation.

Grants: A \$3,000 grant was issues to write the management plan. State needs reimbursement forms. A \$25,000 grant was denied as we did not qualify. We will reapply next year.

Web Site:

Tree City:

- No action
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New Business: Ash Tree Borer are attacking our Trees and Forester Gary Lovallo will be setting a trap upon locating an Ash Tree.

Public Forum:

- None

Correspondence:

- None

Bills Request for bill payment for State and Secretary was made, motion to make payment was made by Vincent Lovallo and 2nd by Dan Ostrowski

Adjournment: 8:17 motioned by Dan Ostrowski and 2nd by Vincent Lovallo

Next meeting - 9/28, 10/26, 11/16, 12/14/2016

