



# TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE

SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
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## **Chairperson –**

**Vice Chair –** Gina Talamo

**Commission Members-** Joseph Adelfio, David Carbone, Bill Hoban, Lori Stapleton

**Other Attendees –** Ellen Connor, Anita Greenberg-Belli, CO G. Lovallo, Daniel Holihan

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Shade Tree Commission was called to order by the Vice Chair on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 9:15am.

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Gina Talamo, Gary Lovallo, David Carbone, Ellen Connor, Joe Adelfio, Daniel Holihan

## **NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR**

No nomination or election took place during the meeting

## **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING REVIEWED**

No previous minutes were reviewed

**BUDGET** – There is \$495,905.36 in the trust account. \$50,000.00 has been encumbered for the 2020 Tree Planting Contract.

## **TREE SPECIALIST GARY LOVALLO/FORESTERS REPORT**

**Presentation and Discussions:** No report was given.

## **Permits and Violations**

- *385 Tree Removal Permit Applications have been received to date*
- *Glenwood Apartments of 35 Spruce Lane – Unit D was issued a violation of \$1,000.00 on October 8, 2020. The fine was satisfied on October 21, 2020.*
- *D&S Tree Service of 24 US HWY 9, Morganville, NJ 07751 was issued a \$1,000.00 violation on October 9, 2020. The fine was reduced to \$500.00 and was satisfied on October 22, 2020.*

**15 Kerr Lane** – Denial of appeal was upheld by council at the October 5, 2020 Council Meeting

**806 & 809 Forest Avenue** – Ongoing issue with branches falling. G. Lovallo reported that the LTE report received was satisfied by resident of 809 Forest Avenue. Complainant at 806 Forest Avenue is requesting that 809 Forest Avenue remove all of the trees. This is a civil dispute and no further action is necessary.

**29 Ellen Circle & 44 Valley Vale Drive** – a notice was sent to the resident at 29 Ellen Circle to have the overhanging branches removed within 20 days of the receipt of the notice. The resident is out of town and the notice will be addressed upon his return. G. Lovallo reported that the risk is real and the problem needs to be addressed.

**21 Harvard Road** – Resident submitted a tree removal permit on June 12, 2020. The application is on hold until the Notice of Violation dated June 20, 2019 is satisfied.

**Site Plan Review** – Fountains at Old Bridge LLC

- Located at Springhill Road backing up to Route 34, G. Lovallo will await further action of the applicant before he completes his review.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Scholarship** – A motion was made by G. Talamo to award the Old Bridge Township Shade Tree Commission Arboriculture Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Sameera Mirza.

Moved by Gina Talamo second by David Carbone and so ordered on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gina Talamo, Gary Lovallo, David Carbone, Joe Adelfio

NAYS: None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm

Moved by Gina Talamo seconded by Joe Adelfio and so ordered on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gina Talamo, Gary Lovallo, David Carbone, Joe Adelfio

NAYS: None

**Next meeting:** Monday November 23, 2020 @ 7:00pm in Room 201