

POMPTON LAKES SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 12th, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT and/or EXCUSED:

Present: Anne, Pete, Maddie, Randy, Megan, Danielle

Excused: Jennifer, Councilman Venin

Meeting called to order at 7:39 PM

Motioned by Pete, Seconded by Megan, Passed.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No members of the public present

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

Meeting minutes from January 2018 were reviewed and approved. Motioned by Maddie, seconded by Randy.

SHADE TREE LIAISON: Councilman Frank Jaconetta

Not Present

CHAIR REPORT: Anne Tacinelli -

January Hours: 20 Hours

We should develop a list of questions for new commissioners. Suggestions for members are welcome.

- Do you feel you have commitments on the 2nd Monday of the month?
- Are you available for field work during the day?
- Can you commit to 10-15 hours per month?
- There is a 8-hour CORE Training in October in Cherry Hill that is required.

200 Pompton Avenue had previously offered to pay to have two trees removed. Otherwise he will need to wait for the Spring Removal List.

We need to stay on task regarding the DuPont Remediation Project. There were trees removed. We want to see the revised tree planting plans by Lakeside Park Walkway.

Anne completed and submitted the Annual Accomplishment Report and Tree City USA Certification.

DISTRICT 3 & CO-CHAIR REPORT: Randy Hinton-

January Hours: 13 Hours

Trees were removed from the Pipeline and logs left on the private properties adjacent to the area. They do not want to replant trees due to maintenance concerns in the future. Our Borough Ordinance does not have a reference to replacement trees.

Working on completing the last Pruning and Removal List with Downes. Was completed in Mid-January. Removing (4) trees, including potential utility hazards. Summit Avenue, Pompton Avenue, Henderson Court. See Randy for full list.

Upcoming Pruning List:

545 Ramapo Avenue: Elm tree that must be pruned in the Winter.

603 Ramapo Avenue: The county refused to remove the tree, so we will prune.

Pruning List also includes: 4 Whitney Avenue, 1032 Colfax Avenue, 1335 Lincoln Avenue, 1401 Lincoln Avenue, 5 Lambert Street. See Randy for full list.

Considering working with Downes to remove overgrown brush area on the sides of Borough Roads. Carlough Field has trees with broken limbs near the field house. They are on the pruning list.

CSIP Grant

Randy has shared two tree lists from Lauren Venin and Ed Merrill. These lists need to be checked against Cerbo's inventory and locations to be planted.

DISTRICT 2 REPORT: Pete Auteri

January Hours: 4 Hours

Treasury

We still have two outstanding bills to Cerbos and Downes. The Funds were encumbered to pay these.

Received NJ Shade Tree Federation invoice for municipal membership. Need to know which names we are submitting.

County

Nothing to report

Zone 2

Nothing to report

Miscellaneous

Was stopped by Tim Duffy for fallen tree off Riverdale and Birch. Tree fell on car. Tax maps show Birch street extension as borough property but may not be. Randy was going to check.

Received certificate for the on-line webinar "Tree Selection for the 21st Century" via email.

Utility Liaison

JCPL is in town basically on the south end doing power line trimming. I am in contact with the JCPL forester Mike Shadel and their contractor Devon Lockwood who works for Gilbert.

DISTRICT 4 REPORT: Madeline Denti-

January Hours: 8 Hours

18 Walnut Street: Resident is concerned about large tree with root system affecting sidewalk. Pete and Randy will investigate.

517 Butler Street or 517 Poplar Avenue - Resident left message but no call back

On Facebook, The NJ Tree Foundation reached out regarding plantings as well. Maddie will reach out to Lisa Simms to see about planting options. She will also reach out to Cerbo with the tree planting lists.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Arbor Day is April 27th, Friday

There is a council meeting on the Wednesday before, April 25th to present the winners of the Arbor Day Essay Contest. Maddie will send out a prompt to the schools to start the essay process.

Maddie will reach out to the Women's Club for the 3rd Grade presentation of the saplings.

Dedication of Tree to Pete Kamper potentially to be planted at First Aid Squad. There was also a crossing guard, Stanley, that we could honor. Randy will be talking to the First Aid Squad regarding locations.

DISTRICT 1/SECRETARY REPORT: Megan Schultz/Danielle Denti-

January Hours: 6 Hours

Eric noted that there will be an upcoming Borough Website Training in the Spring.

Megan and Danielle will coordinate to review all files and go through

Motion to adjourn at 9:47 PM. Motioned by Pete, seconded by Anne. Passed.