

BOARD OF SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2019

Present: K. Raschen, M. Ivanicki, B. Keppler, D. Preis, C. Hittel, H. Tedesco- Santos, J. Sexton

Public:

Absent: W. R. Comery, J. Weber, D. Minervini, A. Les

D. Preis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and stated that this meeting of the Shade Tree & Parks Commission, as required, has been made public and posted at Borough Hall.

Superintendent's Report:

239 Monroe Avenue- Tree preservation Release, Motion to approve made by M. Ivanicki, Seconded by B. Keppler. Unanimous vote to approve

474 Wilson Avenue- Tree Preservation Release, Motion to approve made by B. Keppler, Seconded by M. Ivanicki. Unanimous vote to approve

49 Benton Road- Tree Preservation Release, Motion to approve made by C. Hittel, Seconded by B. Keppler. Unanimous vote to approve

162 Victoria Road- Tree Preservation Release, Motion to approve made by B. Keppler, Seconded by C. Hittel

23 Pepperidge Road- The resident is requesting removal because of the roots ruining her lawn. The tree is alive and healthy. Motion to not remove due to it being a live, healthy tree made by B. Keppler, seconded by C. Hittel.

Spring Planting- Trees went out for bid, we should have an official estimate this week, but there is a substantial increase in price, we would rather do it in house due to some issues last year

Tree Removal Update- Met with Mike Finocchiaro regarding Carter Lane, it is recommended that we remove and replant. Heather Lane removals will be done as part of a demonstration of a new truck from Altec on 6/6. The street will be closed and all of our tree trucks will be there

to observe as well as other towns; we will send out emails to the commission and council reminding them of the date. Discussion on 402's reliability.

Equipment Capital- Stump grinder is from 2003, will need to be replaced in near future

Parks Foreman- Out of 27 applications, only 2 had proper licensing. Christopher Petronzio was announced as interim Parks Foreman.

Authorization to Pay Bills- Motion made M. Ivanicki, seconded by B. Kellper. All in favor.

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Earth Day- Was well attended. Thank you to B. Keppler and C. Hittel for handing out saplings.

Sustainable NJ- A. Burrows has been working with J. Sexton, compiling points to submit by June 1st. We are awaiting paperwork/info from other departments which will add to our total point submitted. Hopeful to move from Bronze Certified to Silver.

Memorials-All memorial grounds will be good for Memorial Day. There is also a tournament Memorial Day weekend that will be offered as Overtime for staff.

Sidewalks- As of right now, we have 105 locations on the 2019 list and 27 already on the 2020 list. These are just the number of locations, not the number of slabs.

Roots in Lawn- Program hopefully starting next week. The ground has been too wet to start, but the crew moves fast.

Old Business-

New Business- K. Raschen spoke to recreation about purchasing a Z-Spray (spreader and sprayer). It will reduce the amount of manpower needed and will significantly shorten spraying times.

Bronze Award- H. Tedesco- Santos informed us that a Girl Scout troop will be planting flowers in the beds of the Welcome to Paramus signs.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:50 made by C. Hittel, Seconded by M. Ivanicki