

BOARD OF SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2021

Present: K. Raschen, J. Sexton, A. Les, D. Preis, B. Keppler, D. Minervini, C. Hittel

Absent: W.R. Comery, M. Ivanicki

D. Preis called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and stated that this meeting of the Shade Tree & Parks Commission, as required, has been made public and posted at Borough Hall. Roll call was taken.

D. Preis asked for a motion to approve last month's minutes. Motion made by B. Keppler, seconded by C. Hittel. All in favor.

Public: no public

Superintendent's Report:

29 Gilbert Avenue- Correspondence was sent, Mr. D'Arco explained to the resident that the Shade Tree Commission's ruling was final. It was noted that there was no damage at this address after the 7/6/21 microburst.

EAB Removals – Progress is being made, K.R. explained that letters are being sent to businesses and residents with the option for removal. We have crews working two Saturdays a month doing ash removals as well. Branches are being removed and stalks are being left to eliminate possible hazards.

Public Service - A meeting was attended with PSEG regarding 69KV poles to be installed in the area of Stop and Shop. We are looking into restitution and assistance with EAB removals which would have to be through construction. PSEG routine trimming is scheduled for 2022, the new representative is unfamiliar with our standards, therefore a meeting will be necessary.

Aerial Bucket Truck #402- replacement 402 has been approved for 1st phase capital. Mr. Picone has a meeting next week regarding this. We are hoping to receive the truck by 2023 as it currently takes approximately 14-18 months to fulfill the truck order.

Employees- We are currently down 6 employees due to various reasons. We will be advertising positions to be filled.

Authorization to Pay Bills- Motion made by D. Minervini, seconded by A. Les. All in favor.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

July 4th- Prior to the event, the location was being maintained by another department. This department spent 10 days of 4 men clearing the area which resulted in filling a 30 yard dumpster.

July 6th Microburst- J. Sexton explained that most of the debris cleaned up by crews after the microburst was from private trees.

Sidewalks- Capital has been approved for 2021 for the Sidewalk Program. 102 locations are currently pending, but the budgeted amount will not clear all the pending locations. The budget delay has forced us behind again.

Piro Lako- This individual has worked with the borough for 23 years. He is planning to retire for 2022.

Chairman's Report-

New Business -

Old Business-

Land Use-

Personnel-

Motion to adjourn meeting made by D. Minervini, seconded by A. Les. All in favor