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Absent: H. Tedesco- Santos, J. Weber, D. Minervivi, A. Les

D. Preis called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and stated that this meeting of the Shade Tree & Parks Commission, as required, has been made public and posted at Borough Hall.

D. Preis asked for a motion to approve last month’s minutes. Motion made by B. Keppler, seconded by M. Ivanicki. All in favor.

Superintendent's Report:

198 Lawson Place- Demo Permit. Resident paid East Coast to remove and replant one town tree. The whole top is bare. W.R. Comery stated we never specified they were responsible to maintain health after replanting by contractor. Motion to release made by W. R. Comery, seconded by C. Hittel. All in favor.

246 Addison place- Tree Preservation Release, Motion to approve made by W. R. Comery, Seconded by M. Ivanicki. All in favor.

EAB Removal Update- Approximately 300-350 ash trees have been removed to date. We are working with the DPW to get a container for stalks/logs, to make the job as efficient as possible. A crane is needed for many of the large scale removals throughout town, including streets like Maril Court. Funds were requested for this in 2018 in order to take immediate action. No result. W. R. Comery commended J. Sexton and K. Raschen for the truck container idea to increase efficiency during ash removals.

EAB Treatment Update- Treatment was discussed at the last meeting. Marking started east and west of Midland Avenue. Using a blue dot this time, to differentiate from the trees treated last year with orange dots. Letters regarding treatment were made to be given out to residents prior to treatment. There were good results from last year’s treatments, so continuing is the best option to save the trees worth saving. We will move onto North and South of Midland Avenue once East and West is complete.
Fall Planting: Spring planting wasn’t done due to the severity of the ash tree decline in the borough. All street have been re-evaluated for deficiencies, including routes 4 and 17. Almost 450 trees will be planted in fall of 2019 by the department and contractor.

Equipment Capital: We have not heard anything regarding 2019 capital. 402 is down again. D. Preis asked we let him know once the truck is back up and running, and returned to us. We are hoping to get it back shortly this time. We also had to hang banners without it today, which is another one of our obligations.

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

Assistant Superintendent’s Report:

Sustainable NJ: the program is been opened for review and editing with comments from the state. We automatically qualify for Bronze with that submissions were accepted.

Roots in the Lawn – Any resident who submitted their Hold Harmless has been completed. We sent a second round of hold harmless to the residents who did not respond. If they do not send one back, they are taken off of the list. The letter sent includes this information.

Sidewalks: 49 residents have been added to the list in 2019. 106 locations are pending from 2019. 155 total need to be completed as of July 2019.

Personnel: We are fully staffed at the moment and doing well.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:45 pm made by B. Keppler, seconded by C. Hittel. All in favor