
Public: Mr. Alampi, Mr. and Mrs. Basile, Mr. Finlay

93 Alden Road- Mr. Finlay requested the removal of a town tree due to the fact that it has started to lean. Mr. Finlay expressed he does not feel it is an immediate issue but the tilt is getting worse as time goes on. K. Raschen explained to the commission that he met Mr. Finlay at his address, and passed around photos of the tree. D. Preis suggested to let the commissioners take a look, and a letter would be sent to him the week following the commission meeting. Mr. Finlay thanked the commission for their time.

641 Falmouth Avenue- Mr. and Mrs. Basile expressed their concern regarding the town tree at their address. It has been there for many years, roots are worsening and they are worried about the stability. K. Raschen explained that the tree is alive, has leaves and acorns but has been cabled due to splits. Mr. Basile stated he feels the split is worsening. D. Preis suggested to let the commissioners take a look on their own, and a letter will be sent with a decision the week following the commission meeting. Mr and Mrs Basile thanked the commission for their time.

606 Falmouth Avenue- Mr. Alampi stated he was there regarding his son's home. They would like to demo, and widen the driveway. K. Raschen stated there is an 18'-19' Zelkova at the address. D. Preis stated it is the policy to not remove live, healthy trees. He suggested to maybe flip the plans so the driveway is on the other side. M. Ivanicki stated there seems to be plenty of room to widen the driveway without issues based upon the survey. W. R. Comery asked if he knew the value of the tree, which is approximately $10,000.00 Mr. Alampi agreed the tree does not seem to have any issues. D. Preis stated he must work around the tree, and a possibility is to widen the driveway after the entrance as to avoid any issues. J. Sexton stated he or K. Raschen will mark the areas that the driveway can go without encroaching on the tree. Mr. Alampi thanked the commission for their time.

Absent: H. Tedesco- Santos, J. Weber

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.

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

Superintendent's Report:
5 Skie Drive- Request for removal. The trees were trimmed a week before this meeting, and we received a thank you from the resident via a council member. The trees are in good health at this time. D. Preis stated we do not remove live, healthy trees. Motion made to not remove the tree made by B. Keppler, seconded by M. Ivanicki.

110 Ramile Court- Mr. Cahn contacted administration regarding his maple tree. D. Preis stated we’ve discussed this many times and have worked with him. The trees were trimmed to remove a large lead, he’s also been added to the sidewalk program. D. Preis suggested the commissioners inspect the tree, and we revisit the issue at next month’s meeting.

337 Sherwood Drive- K. Raschen met with the resident regarding his concerns. Can add him to the roots in the lawn and sidewalk list. The driveway is paved up to the tree, room would have to be left. His trees have also been assigned trimming.

272 Beechwood Drive- K. Raschen also met with this resident regarding his driveway and the town tree. The tree is 3ft from the driveway. Gave options for roots in the lawn (minimal work necessary). If he requests sidewalk work he can be added in the future, but there is no issue currently.

748 Reeder Road- Motion to release made by W. R. Comery, seconded by M. Ivanicki. All in favor.

189 Lozier Court- K. Raschen stated the smaller tree is doing well, but the larger has some deadwood in the top. There are ST-1 Fencing letters on file. W.R. Comery made the motion to hold for the additional 2 years, seconded by M. Ivanicki. All in favor.

196 Haase Avenue- Motion to release made by M. Ivanicki, seconded by A. Les. All in favor.

166 Haase Avenue- Letter sent, one tree died due to construction. The contractor is aware he will be forfeiting the $1,029 and will receive the rest of the funds back. Motion made to release the remaining funds by W. R. Comery, seconded by B. Keppler. All in favor.

104 Farview Avenue- There were two trees, one was removed. The ash tree is in good condition. Motion made to only release the Ash, and hold the White Pine made by W. R. Comery, seconded by B. Keppler. All in favor.

219 Bogert Place- Sugar Maple, and a Sycamore were at this address. The Sugar Maple had to be removed. Motion made to hold Sugar Maple, and release sycamore made by D. Minervini, seconded by A. Les. All in favor.

233 Monroe Avenue- 1 tree – K. Raschen stated the Pin Oak is still in good health. Motion to release made by C. Hittel, seconded by B. Keppler. All in favor.
366 Bullard Avenue- K. Raschen stated the tree is in good condition. Motion made to release by A. Les, seconded by C. Hittel. All in favor.

315 Sherwood Drive- One Ash, no issue. Motion made to release by M. Ivanicki, seconded by C. Hittel. All in favor.

247 Hoppers Lane- Zelkova and Maple, Maple was removed in this past winter after construction. Motion made to hold Maple, release Zelkova made by W.R. Comery, seconded by A. Les. All in favor.

EAB Treatment Update- 359 trees were treated in 2019 along with the 538 in 2018. The smaller trees responded better to the initial treatment, so the trees chosen for this year were under 14” caliper with good structure. We did not treat trees that would not benefit from the treatment. The bill has been processed.

PSEG Assistance- They are working regularly on Pascack, they have also been working on Maril Court. PSEG had to complete a bat survey to ensure no bats were living in the trees prior to removal. They did not find any living in the trees, therefore removals will continue.

NJ Shade Tree Federation- K. Raschen explained a professional activity form needs to be completed for anyone attending. The tree foreman would like to go, and we would not have to pay for his room. It is nothing but a positive experience, CEUs are gained by the attendees. It is $246 for complete registration. A volunteer and an employee must attend to qualify. Motion made for Glen Suhr, Ken Raschen, and W. R. Comery to go made by M. Ivanicki, seconded by A. Les. All in favor.

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

Assistant Superintendent’s Report:

No Net Loss- Representative came from the NJ Forestry Division, compiled a report, and it went very well. Approval of 789 trees planted met the requirements as per the grant. It is complete.

Sustainable NJ- We qualify for Bronze, and are awaiting comments in the month of October. Once comments are received, A. Burrows and J. Sexton can start updating and revising any submissions.

Roots in the Lawn – 8 locations remaining are ready to be done, 21 did not return one for the work to be completed. They will be sent a follow up letter and will be removed from the list if we do not get a response.

Sidewalks- Approved in August. Marked 70 locations, 551 slabs at 187 trees. We are awaiting word from the contractor with his start date for the work.
Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:10 pm made by B. Keppler, seconded by C. Hittel. All in favor