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Meeting Minutes ~ April 3, 2023

1. Meeting Called to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. @ 7:33 PM
2. Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, Duly Announced, submitted to the newspaper, and advertised more than 48 hours in advance of the meeting and notice posted in the Municipal Building and on the Borough Website.
3. Roll call:
 - a. Kim Bouma - Absent
 - b. Ed Clark - Present
 - c. Bill Eilert - Present
 - d. Nancy Krause - Present
 - e. Brian LaForgia – Present
 - f. Tony Smid
 - g. Ron Petherbridge – Present
 - h. Council Liaison Saliani - Present
4. Review of prior meeting minutes (February and March) Motion to accept by Bill, Seconded by Nancy. Passed unanimously.
5. Two Open member slots on the STC – Advertised in paper and will be brought up again at next council meeting.
6. Open to the public – None
7. Tree Survey Update and Landmark Tree list –
 - a. Waiting for the Tree survey report. Nothing new to report.
 - b. Red oak Van Allen House was planted by borough in honor of the bicentennial. – In need of attention. Brought up by historical society. Ask local tree guys to volunteer time to help.
 - c. Blue atlas Cedar at main entrance to Dogwood Hill school – Add this to the list. Currently on the Excel list that Ed is keeping. Consider adding this identifier to the tree survey to track in one database source for all boro. trees, both street and/or Heritage/Landmark
 - d. Brian advised there is a state program for Landmark and Heritage tree designation.
8. CEU credit update –
 - a. Classes are being taken. Please let Nancy know when we take classes, since the state is behind 4 months posting things.

- b. NJUCF Accreditation for 2022 received. - Tree City Status renewed. Consider regional collaboration with Paterson etc. for Federal grants with upcoming monies.
- 9. New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign 2023 Update – Trees from the state. The sapling farm was hurt, but we are still able to receive 250 saplings. Pickup by DPW April 20th in Paramus.
- 10. Forester Report
 - a. Removal of hazardous trees on Private Property (794 and 827 RVR) – Send these to the Boro Code Official for property maintenance requests. 31 Long Hill is also on the list.
 - b. Removals are still in dispute and working through the list of old permits on a case-by-case basis. Evan to review the current tree replacement schedule and hopefully will resolve all by end of year
 - c. Some small caliper trees are ok if the residents are doing it themselves. It’s more important to plant the trees than the actual size of the trees planted if they maintain and help the tree thrive.
- 11. Update on Planning and Zoning Board and Health Department activity – One application for a house behind Marth Pl. 100 trees to be removed. Small zoning board items have been coming up recently. Not in attendance at the last BOH meeting.
- 12. RFQ for tree removal– Open Quotes – Harmony can take down 4 trees. We can have 1 tree moved to the list for O&R to remove the tree over a high-power line on Valley Forge Road.
- 13. Arbor Day Program –
 - a. Thursday April 27 – Needs volunteers. Nancy needs a planning session to complete this
 - b. Saplings give away April 30 – 10-2 outside the library. Table to be set up with saplings from the state. Ron, Bill, Brian, and Nancy along with Ed leading will man the tables.
- 14. EC/GT/STC April 15 Stewart Woods site visit. – 9:00 AM site visit.
- 15. Tree nursery plans – Low priority for the current timeframe. DPW to run irrigation.
- 16. Councilman Saliani report from Borough Council – Nothing new
- 17. New business discussion
 - a. Permit Application- how to add the cost of the permit? – Yes to be added to form along with clarification of pool language.
- 18. Meeting adjournment. Next meeting May 1, 7:30 pm at Senior Center Motion to adjourn 8:37 PM