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Meeting Minutes ~ January 16, 2023

1. Meeting Called to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited at 7:55 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
 - b. Ed Clark
 - c. Bill Eilert
 - d. Nancy Krause
 - e. Brian LaForgia
 - f. Tony Smid - excused
4. Review of prior meeting minutes (December) – Mr. Clark motioned to accept the December minutes. Mr. Bouma seconded. All in favor.
5. There are currently 2 member slots on the STC open. Interested residents are encouraged to submit a citizen leadership form at Borough Hall.
6. Reorganization-
 - a. Mrs. Krause nominated Mr. Clark as Chair, seconded by Mr. Eilert. All in favor.
 - b. Mr. Clark nominated Mrs. Krause as vice-Chair, , seconded by Mr. Eilert. All in favor.
 - c. Mrs. Krause nominated Mr. LaForgia as secretary, Mr. Clark seconded. Mr. LaForgia accepted. All in Favor.
7. Open to the public. Ryan Bentz, from Spear Street attended the meeting.
8. Community Forestry Management Plan extension
 - a. Community Forestry Management Plans (CFMPs) that were expiring December 31, 2023 have been extended 1 year by State Forester Sacco as the NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program continues work on updating our Program Guidelines. Our CFMP is now set to expire December 31, 2024.
9. Tree Survey Update – Still working on south side of town. We may need to complete with the help for volunteers. Next month should have further updates.
10. Forester Report



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- a. New Forester onboarding meeting January 19 – Evan Dilluvio
 - i. Mr. Clark has details to review with Forester including replacement rate and making sure more RFQ's go out each year.
- b. December Forester Report
 - i. There were 12 permits, totaling 30 tree removals with 12 replacement trees required. In 2022, there were a total of 224 permits issued, resulting in 637 removals.
11. Update on Planning and Zoning Board and Health Department activity
 - a. Planning board meeting regarding development behind high school – They have not made any revisions yet based on Mr. Clarks second round of comments. Still waiting for revised plan.
 - b. Next development will be near Walgreens, also probably with affordable housing which may result in them being exempt from the Shade Tree Ordinance.
12. RFQ for tree removal– update
 - a. Mahwah Tree Service has started the job.
13. Tree planting this spring
 - a. Downs and Harmony will plant about 50 trees
 - i. A few of harmony trees will go to Veterans Park to replace ones just taken down,
 - ii. Approx. 25 will go to go adopt tree program
 - iii. An evergreen tree from the Bergen County holiday program is being donated back to the borough.
 - iv. Saplings in tubes were purchased for arbor day distribution 300 trees
14. Tree nursery plans – DPW receptive to idea for nursery. Mr. Clark plans to meet with them to discuss.
15. New business discussion
 - a. How STC can support inspections of tree replacements.
 - i. DPW secretary sends letter to everyone who has a mitigation requirement
 - ii. Letter should express civic duty of replanting for the best for the town and to protect our shade tree canopy.
 - iii. DPW secretary, could include a copy of permit that shows what they initially agreed to.
 - iv. Include guide for planting and protection from Deer.



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- b. New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign 2023- 1000 saplings. Should we apply again. Asking for 500 trees.
 - c. 46 Andrew – removal without permit – Forester will be asked to look into.
 - d. Mr. Clark spoke with builders at 14 Hickory drive, and they understand they are required to plant 22 replacement trees. Also, the building department was notified that final certificate of occupancy should include these trees.
 - e. Environmental Commission member, Mr. Eilert, asked what the STC can do for Ailanthus removal.
 - i. Mr. Clark said we have too many hazardous trees to remove or pruned first with our limited budget.
 - ii. Mrs. Krause suggested using the tree survey to ID the tree locations and ask DPW to remove if no wires are involved.
 - f. STC website should be improved
 - i. Add link for replacements and types of trees
16. Meeting adjournment. Next meeting February 6, 7:30 pm at Senior Center
17. Motion to close by Mr. Bouma and seconded by Mr. LaForgia at 9:01 pm. All in favor.