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Meeting Minutes ~ March 6, 2023

1. Meeting Called to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.
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 - Present
 - b. Ed Clark - Excused
 - c. Bill Eilert - Present
 - d. Nancy Krause - Present
 - e. Brian LaForgia - Present
 - f. Tony Smid - Excused
 - g. Ron Petherbridge - Absent
4. Review of prior meeting minutes (January)
5. Two Open member slots on the STC – Nancy still working on 2 residents
6. Open to the public - None
7. Tree Survey Update – Still actively completing the survey. Not finished yet
8. CEU credit update – Nancy reported we received credits. Both Bill and Brian took CEU’s recently and should be reflected on the DEP site updates.
9. New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign 2023 Update
10. Forester Report
11. Update on Planning and Zoning Board and Health Department activity
12. RFQ for tree removal– Open Quotes – One bid from Harmony Tree Service for \$13,200. Motion to award the quote to Harmony based on modifications based on budget constraints and trees that are highest priority. Total of \$6150 for 4 trees is approved by committee members to complete the job. Motioned by Nancy, seconded by Bill and all approved.
13. Tree nursery plans – No update
14. Permit Application – Discussed modifications to the new permit and updates to be used based on the ordinance.
15. Councilman Saliani report from Borough Council



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16. New business discussion –
 - a. Arbor Day Program – Thursday April 27 – Looking for volunteers. Brian and Bill have so far volunteered with Nancy. Looking to train people to complete the survey. Girl and Boy scouts as possible options
 - b. Report on Joint EC/GT/STC meeting on 2/28 – Great joint meeting. Joint walk 9:00 of Stewarts Woods and Great Oak April 15th park to deer fencing etc. for wet lands. Interested on placing the butterfly gardens signs in the Great Oak Park area
 - c. Kim Bouma notified us of a dead tree leaning on the lower wires across from Terracare Landscaping on RVR.
17. Meeting adjournment. Next meeting April 6, 7:30 pm at Senior Center