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Meeting Minutes ~ June 6, 2022

1. Meeting Called to Order 7:30 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. Live meeting at the senior center was attended by Ed Clark, Tony Smid, Nancy Krause, Joe LaTerra, Dean LaForgia, Peter Kikot and Ray Carroll. Alexandro Suriano was absent. Councilman Steven Saliani was present. Ronald Farr was present via zoom.
4. Motion made by Mr. Kikot, seconded by Mr. Clark to have Alexandro Suriano removed from the commission since he has not attended a meeting since December 2021 and absences were not excused.
5. Open to the Public: Kim Bouma present and plans to resubmit is citizen leadership form.
 - a. Permit costs were discussed. Dead or alive, the new ordinance permit fee is \$50 for 1- 5 trees and \$10 for each additional tree.
6. Adopt a tree program update - There are 14 trees to be planted. Five went to the park, and 9 will go to the adopt a tree program.
7. JP consulting – were supposed to start tree inventory on June 1
8. Review of prior meeting minutes ~ Motion to approve April minutes as amended made by Mr. Smid and seconded by Mr. Clark. All in favor.
9. Ronald Farr Forestry Services Report.
 - a. We need to get a better connection with the building department and health dept.
 - b. Mr. Kikot going to send application to Ron and replacement table
 - c. New application fee is \$50. We need to check that old ordinance is not listed on borough website.
 - d. Plans to make up another RFQ by end of the month for dead tree removal. Plan to address ash trees along Ramapo Valley Road next. There are a bunch of ash trees that are up to 30 feet off the road, and Ron will send to whoever that applies to.
 - e. Visited 54 total properties



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10. When there is a tree removal with no permit the Oakland police department does not know how to respond.
 - a. Can commercial business operate on a Sunday? Councilman is going to investigate.
 - b. Policy should be in place to call a STC member to come look to see if it is an emergency.
11. New business discussion
 - a. Lakeshore, building dept.- 6 trees came down, building dept came by, it is a commercial development.
 - b. We need Green placards up and running again along with the permit.
 - c. Beech leaf disease – is a new disease attacking our beech trees. Not much is known about it. Ms. Krause recommended removing it from the approved tree planting list.
12. Meeting adjournment – 8:35pm