

# OAKLAND SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

April 4, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order by John Schaus at 7:00 pm. Present were John Schaus ,Tony Smid, Liz Tischler, Mike Rose, Jay Nipe Sr.,Sandra C, Randy (from Pompton Lakes STC), Ed Clark, and Kim Bouma.
2. Salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. John read the meeting announcement- This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, duly announced, advertised and posted in the municipal building.
4. Liz read the minutes from the last meeting of March7, 2016. The minutes were approved by Tony, Kim and John.
5. John advised that the stalk was still up at 21 Franklin Ave. because the cable is still attached.
6. Ed Clark reported on the new trees going up in Oakland. Trees at the park are up and the downtown trees will be next. The 4 trees to be placed in front of the liquor store/ Krausers/ Pizza Hut and Deli may or may not be planted at that location. Ed will keep us posted.
7. Arbor Day will be held on Friday April 29,2016 at 10:00AM at the Heights Elementary School.STC will Plant a Pin Oak with the help of the Principal, Barbara Ciambra.
8. The Owners at 73-71 Manito, John and Susan Matyiku are calling PSE&G all the time concerned about the tree. The service provider did some work near the tree and the Owners are concerned about the health of the tree. The tree was inspected by John and Tony and they agree the tree will not die from what PSE&G did.
9. John passed out sheets with the permits taken out for 2016 up until mid-March.
10. John advised that the borough is continuing to work on a bamboo ordinance.
11. There is a new Oakland Shade Tree Committee phone number, it is 201-337-8104 – Ext.: 3022
12. John gave Ed C. a paper for the updated N.J.L.M.
13. John advised that a tree will be planted at 41 Academy Circle by the DPW and Ed C. will call first 201-638-4389.
14. Xiang Bao Cao of 19 Aspen Way removed a tree without a permit. STC wrote a letter to him in regard to this and is waiting upon a response.
15. 3 Deer Ledge Road, owner Ralph Sandor and nephews Nick Mandorlo and Anthony Russo update: a check was received from the owner for \$1500.00 to be placed in the Oakland Shade Tree trust fund for planting trees in the borough.
16. Court date for 3 Deer Ledge Road & 7 Thunderbird Drive (summons to remove tree hanging over sidewalk) is scheduled for April 7, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

17. Per John Kunze, STC mailed letters, in response to shade tree ordinances, are to be sent regular mail. If a second letter is required it is to be sent certified mail.

18. Budget Report:

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| Expense Account | \$ 2469.75 |
| Trust Fund      | \$ 7180.00 |

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| February Fees collected | \$ 75.00 |
| February Inspections    | 6        |

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| March Fees Collected | \$150.00 |
| March Inspections    | 22       |

**19. Year to date inspections** **28**

**20. Year to date fees collected** **\$500.00**

21. Service Hours:

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| John -  | 41   |
| Ed C. - | 5    |
| Tony-   | 7.5  |
| Kim-    | 2    |
| Liz-    | 8    |
| Sandra  | 1    |
| Ray-    | 14.5 |
| Ed W. - | 26   |

**Total Volunteer Hours: 104.0**

22. New Business:

**Tony:** Will discuss STC mailing and certified mailing approach with Richard Kunze. Wants John to find out if a letter was sent out to the owner of 22 Martha. One of their trees came down and damaged 2 trees on Tony's son's property. Tony and John discussed 80 Ryerson Avenue with a tree removal. Tony shared a site plan of one of the 4 houses to be built.

**Mike R.** – Inquired about wires and trees on Rt.202 and how they were handled. He wanted to know if permit cost could be increased to raise money for the STC. Ed. C and John advised him on the rules.

**Liz** – Nothing to report.

**Sandra**- Nothing to report

**Randy** – A visitor from Pompton Lakes STC sat in and inquired what the OSTC was going to do about the Emerald Ash Bore problem. Pompton Lakes will be taking down their Ash Trees and their STC was interested in what surrounding towns were doing. He was advised that Oakland does not have a proactive plan in place at this time.

**Ed C.** – Advised that he is meeting with the DOT on April 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss what trees and so forth have been taken down for the work off the ramp from Rt. 287 south bound and Ramapo River Road. Ed said that he wants to review the site plans for all the houses to be built on Ryerson Avenue. He wants to be able to contribute to the conversation on plantings and shade trees.

**John-** Handed out new list for Tree Companies included for RFQ's.

23. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

24. End.