

OAKLAND SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

May 2, 2016

- The meeting was called to order by Ed Clark at 7:10 pm. Present were Ed Clark ,Tony Smid, Liz Tischler, Mike Rose, Jay Nipe Sr.,Sandra Coira, Ed Werger, Kim Bouma and James Preisendanz and associate from Bear Run Environmental
- Salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Ed 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.
- Liz read the minutes from the last meeting of March 7, 2016. The minutes were approved by Tony, Kim and Ed.
- 21 Franklin Ave. stalk is still up with cables. A pole was installed to replace the tree for the cables that require a 6 month settling period before the cables can be installed on it. John to advise on this and payment status from Vanderbeck Tree Service for the remaining stalk.
- Ed Clark reported on the new trees going up in Oakland. All trees on hand are up. The last 4 went up by the police station and the nursery owes the town 2 more. 197 Manito Ave. resident called and thanked both the DPW and Shade Tree for their replacement tree.
- Arbor Day was held on Friday April 29, 2016 at 2:00PM at the Heights Elementary School. A tree was planted by students and Principal, Barbara Ciambra. A big Thank You to Tree City USA for providing their flag to be flown under the American flag. There was a very good turnout.
- James Preisendanz, team leader of Bear Run Environmental and his associate Jason spoke to the STC about the Emerald Ash Borer problem. They provided a binder with pertinent literature about the Emerald Ash issue that STC may have. They spoke about feasible and fiscal ways to move ahead, goal preventive measures and resources for information. Prism trapping was discussed as a viable option and they will be inquiring with the NY/NJ Trail Conference for prisms for Oakland Shade Tree. They also mentioned that their company is working on providing American Chestnut trees for sale and that the Oakland Shade Tree could have one for free. Ed accepted their offer and suggested it be planted and be visible by the DPW. They also invited the STC to visit their facility.
- Mike and Jay will be working on permits and will meet with Ed Werger.

Budget Report:

- Expense Account \$ 2694.75
 - Trust Fund \$ 9180.00

 - March Fees collected \$ 150.00
 - March Inspections 22

 - April Fees Collected \$225.00
 - April Inspections 14
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- Year to date inspections 42
 - Year to date fees collected \$725.00

- Service Hours:

- John - 41
 - Ed C. - 6.5
 - Tony- 2.5
 - Kim- 2
 - Liz- 5.5
 - Sandra 2.5
 - Jay- 2.5
 - Ed W. - 41
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- Total Volunteer Hours: 106.0

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- New Business:

- Tony: Inquired about Brandywine tree status and talked to the town attorney about the bamboo ordinance, information to follow. Informed us that 22 Martha received the letter from John per the last meeting.
- Mike R. – Suggested that the STC have a leaflet with the approved trees for our town for distribution.
- Liz – Nothing to report.
- Sandra- Nothing to report

- Kim- Advised that it is the time for the town to elevate the trees.
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- Ed C. – Will send out the RFQ's for 4-5 shade trees to replace prior year's trees that didn't make it. Ed will continue the conversation with the DOT involved with the work off the Rt. 287 S ramp and what can happen with shade trees. Ed also viewed 2 of the site plans for work to be performed in town which the STC can have input to the loss of trees. One is at the Oakland diner where they are expanding the parking lot and excavating the back hill. Ed noted that the remaining trees need to be watched that they do not lose their roots and become hazardous..
- The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm
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