

## **OAKLAND SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

### **Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2020**

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 pm
2. Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, duly announced and posted in the Municipal Building.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll call
  - a. Ed Clark
  - b. Anthony Smid                      absent
  - c. Kim Bouma
  - d. Nancy Krause
  - e. Peter Kikot
  - f. Larry Levine
  - g. Joe LaTerra
  - h. Terri Casaleggio                  excused
  - i. Ray Carroll
  - j. Councilman Lew Levey attended
5. Prior meeting minutes: approval will be held over to next meeting.
6. Arbor day plans accepted by Manito school. Nancy will order white pines for distribution.
7. Tree City Application and Forestry Annual Report submitted.
8. Logo Submissions – not decided on yet – “Plant preserve protect” tag was liked
9. Budget discussion will be on 2/4 with the borough administrator, Richard Kunze and Peter Kikot
10. Dog Park – 4 years ago the Shade Tree committed to plant trees at dog park. 7 hard wood and several conifers will go in to replace the five trees (12 inches or greater) that are being taken out. The trees being removed are in the footprint of the dog park and need to be removed. We are content with species and set back. Ed Clark signs off on proposed trees, but we are concerned about the watering and care. Larry Levine motioned to accept the plan as Ed Clark presented, Kim Bouma seconded, and all were in favor.
11. Landmark tree registry – Ed Clark will email to Peter Kikot
12. Motion to open to the public.
  - a. Tom Connolly is on the planning board – Concerned about the enforcement of tree replacement after clearing for development. Building permit should contain a rule that a CO cannot be obtained without Shade Tree signing off. Tom Connolly recommends that the planning board put 2-year bond for tree replacement. The shade tree commission agreed to inspect. If a new tree dies it is usually within 2 years. It is legitimate that the bond be held for 2 years, even after the CO is given.
  - b. It is in the STC ordinance that a bond can be ordered but it had not been used.

- c. Shade tree member will attend the Planning board to explain support of bond use if necessary.
  - d. Ryan Schwertfeger, thanked members for their attention to the trees at the planned Dog Park.
13. Motion to Close to public
  14. 296 Ramapo Valley Rd – STC recommends hazardous tree be removed by the owner. All in Favor. Sue Trentecoste will send the letter to the owner.
  15. Michael Carelli will help with Bank of America community resilience grant for Low to moderate income (LMI) neighborhoods – Nancy Krause will assist.
  16. Kim Bouma is excused for March meeting
  17. Next meeting is on Monday March 2, 2020, 7pm. Meeting adjournment 8:15 pm.