

OAKLAND SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2020

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm
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
 - c. Kim Bouma
 - d. Nancy Krause
 - e. Peter Kikot
 - f. Larry Levine
 - g. Terri Casaleggio- excused
 - h. Ray Carroll- excused
 - i. Councilman Lew Levey attended
5. Prior meeting minutes: Larry Levine motioned for the minutes to be accepted as amended. All were in favor.
6. Discussion regarding appeal of tree replacement at 165 Hiawatha Blvd: Initially the tree removal request by owner was denied, tree healthy. Then owner asked again, and Peter Kikot agreed but the 36-inch white oak was to be replaced with three 2-inch caliper trees or sterilize the tree. Then the Mahwah Tree company, Chris Spinelli, tree guy, submitted permit for homeowner and then repealed the requirement and wants a 1:1 replacement.
 - a. It was agreed to stay with current ordinance of a 1:1 replacement of a 3.5-inch caliper hardwood shade tree species. To work with the resident, the resident will be given the option to replace the tree with two 2.5-inch caliper hardwood shade tree species; failing that, the resident has option to submit to the ordinance as written with a 1:1 replacement of a 3.5-inch caliper hardwood shade tree species. No ornamental species.
 - b. Process to appeal a tree decision is being kept the same in new ordinance.
7. Adopt-A-Tree update- Larry Levine will promote the plan once adopted by council.
8. Current group email account shall be discontinued immediately. All in favor.
9. Arbor Day plans for April 24, 2020 at Manito elementary school proceeding.
 - a. Nancy and Terri are planning.
10. Update Ordinance progress- Council could have it for second meeting in January, then possible approval in February.
11. Re-organization: Tony Smid motioned, and Larry Levine seconded: Peter Kikot, Chair; Ed Clark, Vice-chair; Nancy Krause, secretary. All were in favor.
12. Review Logo Submissions: 4 logos selected to give to council to approve.
13. Discuss the RFQ for removals: No bids were received in December for the tree removal. Money for 2019 tree removal could not be rolled over to 2020. - RFQ had been posted on borough website and but not emailed to the list of tree companies. Since we had \$33,445 left in the 2019 budget, we can double tree planting instead since that was pre-approved spending. All in favor of asking for more tree planting with the 2019 ST

budget. Peter will have discussion with the CFO to use remainder of budget solely for tree planning with the accepted Downs Tree Service proposal.

14. RFQ Planting only 2 proposals – Downes won for \$15, 990

15. New business discussion

- a. Ed and Peter will be marking trees again for removal. Nancy will ask Michael Carelli, assistant to the Borough Administrator about updating borough website “subscribe to News” options to include receiving notices for RFP from Borough. Kim Bouma will email trees to Ed to get on new RFP.
- b. Removal List will be reviewed, marked and ready to go out before the next meeting. Opening of Bids will be on February 12 at the DPW.
- c. Councilman Levy will ask for County to take down Ash tree on County roads, particularly Rt 202, including Ash trees in the right -of -way or in danger of falling in the right of way.
- d. Street tree clusters suggested by Ed Clark
 - Sewage plant at Mountain Lakes Drive (3) White Oak
 - Yawpo 153,120,116,94,92,90,88,86,84,76,74,70, 52,32 (14) White Oak
 - Paige Dr. 28,30, 156, 154, 134(2), 118, 34 Ryerson on Paige,96, 72,52, (11) Pin Oaks
 - Allerman Brook Project Lakeshore, Rockaway, Nokomis (5) Winter King Hawthornes
 - Oak Street at new curb on near bend by DPW (1) Red Oak
 - Knights of Columbus on Powdermill Road (2) Red Maple
 - Franklin Verizon 32, 78,82,120,134,146,150(2), corner of brook hollow and Franklin, 182,185, 194, 200 (13) White Oak
 - Pump station at walnut (1) Sweet Gum
 - Lot at Saratoga (1) Red Oak, (1) Tulip Polar
 - Calumet #68 (1) White Oak
 - Lakeshore #37 (1) Pin Oak
 - Massasoit Trail multiple locations Sweet Gum qty and locations TBD
 - Manitoba across from school driveway
 - Top of Manito- Shade Master Honey Locusts qty and locations TBD

Sapling Planting Locations

- Franklin near High Mtn Rd along 287 fence Norway Spruce Saplings
- Sewage plant on dead end of Ramapo Hills- Mixed Native Saplings + understory
- Last Lot at Saratoga – Hickory, Beech, Oak, Pine

16. Meeting adjournment 8:31pm