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## MEETING MINUTES ~ January 4, 2021

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:40 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. Roll Call – Via Zoom Joe LaTerra, Peter Kikot, Ed Clark, and Nancy Krause were present. Councilman Grant Van Eck was absent. Tony excused.
4. Motion to Open to the Public made by Mr. LaTerra, seconded by Mr. Clark. No public present. Motion to close to the public made by Mr. LaTerra, seconded by Mr. Clark.
5. Motion to approve the December minutes as written made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. LaTerra. All in favor.
6. Review CEU credits for 2020. Ms. Krause reported that we have 9 CEU credits for 2020.
7. Great Oak Park – Dog Park Tree Order Confirmed and planning for delivery at the end of March.
8. Results from the RFQ for Removal & Pruning. PO Update, broken up into 3 awards: Almstead Tree Care for \$8,150, Friendly Tree Service for \$13,475, and Downs Tree Service for \$10,700. Fencing was also ordered for saplings protection of the 200 trees purchased from the NJ Forest Service. Species included Pitch/loblolly and mix of other hardwoods. Mr. Clark explained that the plan was to reforest some small pieces of borough property so town does not have to mow and can decrease maintenance costs while providing increased stormwater retention.
9. Discuss the idea of performing a legacy tree mapping as an overlay to Oakland's town wide assets: Mr. Kikot will look further into what Boswell Engineering is offering to do and price it out.
10. Confirm that the new job description for part-time Shade Tree Officer was presented to the Council. Peter has meeting with Mr. Kunz and Councilman VanEck – next week, Tuesday 12:30 regarding position.
11. Update Ordinance ~ The Borough attorney made extensive revisions to the ordinance removing many of the measures we were trying to put in place. Mr. Kikot plans to explain to Councilman VanEck



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why this ordinance is important and why it should be strengthened rather than weakened. All present were in agreement.

12. New business discussion – Peter reconciled 2020 fees, 7 of 309 have been replaced, current permit peter is writing what needs to be replaced and writing follow up letters to make close out. We get to spend the money we earned the year before in the next budget year. Peter will update the tree removal application based on current ordinance.
13. Meeting adjournment at 8:31pm.