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Meeting Minutes ~ January 17, 2022

1. Meeting Called to Order 7:30 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. Via Zoom attended by Peter Kikot, Ed Clark, Joe LaTerra, and Nancy Krause. Kim Bouma, Ray Carroll, Alexandro Suriano, and Tony Smid were excused. Councilman Steven Saliani was in attendance.
4. Open to the Public: No public was present in the zoom waiting room.
5. Review of prior meeting minutes ~ Motion to approve December Minutes made by Mr. Laterra and seconded by Mr. Clark. All in favor.
6. No updates are ready on the ordinance. Councilman Saliani will get back to us. Mr. Clark edited the latest version, but we have not heard back.
7. Adopt-A-Tree Program ~ Program is now on borough website and town sign. It should be in the February borough newsletter. Nine homes are signed up to date. First contact has not been made yet. Mr. Clark looking into keeping the Adopt a Tree moving forward even if the ordinance does not get approved.
8. Mrs. Krause is working on the Accreditation report and Tree City report due mid February.
9. The Borough of Oakland has officially been awarded the NJDEP Stewardship Grant for the Borough Tree Inventory in the amount of \$28,000. Assistant Administrator Michael Carelli is writing up the draft RFQ according to the grant requirements. Suggested vendors so far are: Sav A Tree, Paul Cowie Associates (Boonton), and Gracie and Harrington (Peapack Gladstone).
10. Pruning and removal update – Orange & Rockland Electric is now doing about 7 trees and we were able to remove some of them from our removal list. We added a few other trees to the list to replace them. Contractor Jim Ores – he had already removed a few of the O&R trees. RFQ needs to go to the DWP next time to make sure there is better communication to we know which trees O&R are going to execute.



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11. NJ Tree Recovery Campaign- must apply by Feb 17 to receive free seedlings, up to 1,000. To help replace trees lost due to invasive insects. Available for pick up April 4-29. Need a plan on how to distribute. Mr. Clark is going to do this application.
12. Interviews for Part-time shade tree officer were held on Dec 21 at library, 3:30pm. Three people were interviewed. Mr. Carcelli did reference checks. The job was offered to Ronald Farr Forestry Services. Start date is not yet known.
13. Spotted Lantern Fly (SLF) Training – Mrs. Krause recommended that all STC members take this course so we can be the experts for our community. She has also advised the DPW to become certified.
14. Arbor Day Event is being planned by Mrs. Krause for a SLF program at the senior center. Date not set yet. Trees from the NJ recovery program can be given out at that program as well.
15. New Business
 - a. Resident at 72 Algonquin wants tree removed and sidewalk fixed because he believes that the borough planted it. DPW does not think it is ours as it is not within the right of way. The tree is still alive and not hazardous. We will review some records to double check.
 - b. Saplings are ordered. Last year he planted 100 of the trees. Ed spoke to Anthony and Scott to plant need some soil and netting.
 - c. Academy Circle trees to be pruned were tagged with blue tape and yellow tape for trees to be removed.
 - d. Spring Tree Planting RFQ from Dec 21 was filled by Downes Tree Co. They are doing the install in the spring of 30 trees. We spent our 2021 budget for these trees. Included deer guards this year.
 - e. Downtown Streetscape Design Standards –
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - f. Mr. Clark has created a spreadsheet of all the streets and what side of the street has power lines. Each street will have its own identity of trees on the list to create a consistent planting.
16. Meeting adjournment - 8:27pm