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Meeting Minutes ~ October 4, 2021

1. Meeting Called to Order 7:41pm
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 Peter Kikot, Ed Clark, Tony Smid, and Nancy Krause were present. Ray Carroll was absent. Kim Bouma and Joe LaTerra were excused. Councilman Grant Van Eck 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 September Minutes made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Smid.
6. Adopt-A-Tree Program ~ Mrs. Krause reviewed Hawthorn STC website to learn and write something up, and send to Councilman for quote. Would like to get Adopt a Tree on the town electronic bulletin board along Route 202.
7. Update on Ordinance Revisions – we expect concessions on both sides
 - a. Mr. Kikot relayed Council Member concerns from the September Council meeting. Septic and Construction removal are still concerns of Council members who felt that mitigation should be lowered or eliminated. At the Council meeting, Councilman Pat Pignateli suggested 5 tree removals without replacement.
 - b. Based on Mr. Kikot's records, septic removal was usually 2 trees on average. He suggested to exempt 2 trees from replacement.
 - c. Mr. Clark suggested an exemption of a total of 36 inch caliper (adding up the diameter of all the trees taken down, first 36 inches are exempt).
 - d. Pool or tennis court is not a hardship; nor necessity, and therefore, replacement trees or mitigation are needed.
 - e. List of trees – Mr. Clark already updated. The trees on the Do-Not plant list do not require a permit.
8. New business discussion



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- f. 27 river rd – silver maple lost limbs in last storm – in right of way – ?
 - i. Silver maple often breaks limbs
 - g. Academy circle – Pin oaks marked with blue tape are to be pruned and yellow removal flagging tape. 49, 45, 41
 - h. STC service terms. Mr Clark and Mr. Bouma will need to resubmit their citizen leadership form.
There are still 2 positions open.
9. Meeting adjournment - 8:34pm