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## Meeting Minutes ~ September 13, 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 Joe LaTerra, Peter Kikot, Ed Clark, and Nancy Krause were present. Ray Carroll was absent. Kim Bouma and Tony Smid 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 June Minutes made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. LaTerra.
6. New In Person Meeting Protocols – Borough administrator announced that in person meetings can resume as long as masks are worn. Mr. Kikot was not in favor of wearing mask at live meeting. We are all in favor of continuing with zoom meetings for now.
7. Adopt-A-Tree Program ~ On Hold until new ordinance is approved. Mr. Clark suggested we adopt Hawthorn's program of creating a waiting list for street trees. We would then least have people who are interested in receiving a tree. Mrs. Krause will review Hawthorn STC website to see we can use and write something up and send to Councilman for quote.
8. Review new CEU credits for 2021.
9. SLF class for 2 credits is still available. Mrs. Krause will send to Councilman for DPW to take.
10. Conditional Approval of 2021 NJUCF Stewardship Grant thanks to Michael Carelli and Nancy Krause. This grant will make us eligible next year to apply for a grant for funding for live trees.
11. Update on Removal and Pruning Work RFQ – Peter is waiting on completed list.
12. No update on part-time Shade Tree Officer. – Looking for alternative locations to advertise for the position like the STF quarterly newsletter.
13. Update on Ordinance Revisions – we expect concessions on both sides
  - a. Septic is still a concern.
  - b. Species list of what is not acceptable.



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- c. Mr. Clark will update the tree list again and have a conversation with Councilman Pignatelli and Biale.
- d. Sept 22 is the next borough council meeting- we should be there in attendance.
- 14. New business discussion
  - e. Mr. Clark reported that saplings that were planted this year are doing well.
- 15. Meeting adjournment - 8:36pm