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Meeting Minutes ~ February 6, 2023

1. Meeting Called to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. 7:35 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:
 - a. Kim Bouma
 - b. Ed Clark
 - c. Bill Eilert
 - d. Nancy Krause
 - e. Brian LaForgia
 - f. Councilman Salianni
 - g. Tony Smid – Excused
4. Review of prior meeting minutes (January) - Minutes Approved
5. Open member slots on the STC – Ron Petherbridge to be joining as of next month. 2 slots remaining to fill.
6. Open to the public – Ryan Bentz and Ron Petherbridge present (recruiting).
7. Tree Survey Update –
 - i. Still being completed thru March.
 - ii. Suggestion to have a volunteer event during Arbor day.
 - iii. Mr. Petherbridge suggested getting more community involvement, including training to id trees.
8. New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign 2023 Update –
 - i. Applied for a grant for 500 trees.
 - ii. NJ DEP sold out of saplings already so Mr. Clark is looking into buying saplings from a source in PA.
9. Forester Report –
 - i. Producing exceptional reports.
 - ii. Planning to meet with Forster this week for onboarding.
10. Update on Planning and Zoning Board and Health Department activity –



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- a. Vote on large development off McCoy planned for upcoming meeting. We have not seen landscape plans thus far, but have been received.
- b. Two additional developments with minimal tree removals required are also being reviewed
11. RFQ for tree removal– update
 - i. Looking to reduce costs so we can do Wells Field and 111 Hiawatha.
 - ii. Need to confirm the list that Michael has as what is completed and removed.
12. Tree nursery plans –
 - i. DPW contacted regarding space near the generator. Receptive to it, but not yet approved.
 - ii. Quote for \$450 for trees and Ed thinks he can get pots and soil to start the project now.
 - iii. Contact Angela Manzi at the High School at the horticulture department to partner.
13. Councilman Saliani report from Borough Council –
 - i. Grant received for Truman Field for lights.
 - ii. Budgets are to be approved.
14. New business discussion – Permit follow-up letters.
 - i. Nancy advised there is a significant number of open permits from 2022 that replacement trees have not been completed.
 - ii. Reviewed a number of these permits to check replacement rates and noticed incorrect rates in some permits.
 - iii. Review of open permits to be completed at work session tonight.
15. Spotted Lantern Fly classes online is available for CEU's
 - i. Looking for additional courses.
 - ii. Nancy will send links to NJ Forestry resources.
16. Elevating trees plan.
 - i. Asked Forrester to put together an RFQ.
17. Meeting adjournment. Next meeting March 6, 7:30 pm at Senior Center