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MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 4, 2020

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, duly announced and posted, in the Municipal Building.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call – Kim Bouma, Ray Carole and Terri Casaleggio are excused. Peter Kikot, Ed Clark, Nancy Krause, Tony Smid, Joe Laterra and Councilman Lew Levey were present.
5. Open to the Public. No public were present, closed to the public
6. Review of prior meeting minutes ~ No meeting in April ~ Tony Smid motioned to approved March minutes, and Joe Laterra seconded, all in favor.
7. Membership Review ~ One Member Position Available – Nancy/Peter will ask Michael Carelli to post on the borough website
8. Adopt-A-Tree Program ~ Nancy Krause offered to lead this new program once the new ordinance is accepted
9. Earth Day & Arbor Day Plans put on hold for 2020.
10. Community Forestry Accreditation APPROVED – Thanks to Nancy
11. Update on Ordinance progress ~ Liaison Lew Levy. Ed and Peter will make final revisions before the end of the month.
12. Discuss the budget for 2020 if available ~ Still not available
13. New business discussion
 - a. Open permit letters sent out for all 2019 and 2020 permits ~ Final inspections commencing
There were 107 total permits in 2019 that require a total of 274 replacements trees.
 - b. Congratulations to Beth Seavers and Christopher Weigand for their combined efforts in creating our new OSTC logo. Two \$50.00 gift cards were delivered as their reward for being chosen as the two winning entries. The gift cards were donated by the Kikot Family.
 - c. Discuss potential suspension/penalties for contractors working without a permit.



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Contractors continue to remove trees without permits. Discussion continued about how to hold tree companies to the ordinance. Tabled for further discussion.

e. Peter Kikot suggested that line be added to application where owner signs off on acceptance of conditions of approval (replacements) when picking up permit so there are aware of said conditions and there is record of it. All were in favor. Councilman Levey is going to explain at a council meeting how these replacement trees are important to protect the tree canopy of Oakland. Peter Kikot will continue to do final inspection and keep an accurate count of tree removals and replacements.

Meeting adjournment 7:52 pm

Minutes submitted by Nancy Krause