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MEETING AGENDA ~ JUNE 1, 2020

1. Meeting Call to Order 7:02
2. Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, duly announced and posted, in the Municipal Building.
4. Roll Call –
 - Via Zoom, Ray Carole and Terri Casaleggio are excused. Peter Kikot, Ed Clark, Nancy Krause, Tony Smid, Kim Bouma, Joe Laterra and Councilman Lew Levy were present.
5. Open to the Public, none present, closed to public
6. Review of prior meeting minutes
 - Joe Laterra motioned to approved May minutes, and Tony Smid seconded, all in favor.
7. Membership Review ~ One Member Position still available
8. Adopt-A-Tree Program ~ Nancy is the new lead on this endeavor
Homeowners are not aware of permit requirements for tree replacement.
9. Tree replacement/Inspection difficulties.
 - Problems have arisen due to the efforts to enforce Tree Replacement. Residents are unaware of current requirements. Homeowner at 148 Seminole, was unaware of tree replacement and was threatening to Mr. Kikot. Mr. Levy spoke with Mayor, Borough is going to hire a part time employee to look at trees, we need to come up with a job description. Peter is no longer to going to discuss replacement with residents. Inspector will work one day a week. Do all inspections and issue permits with Official status. Mr. Smid added that we are covered by the borough ordinance to go on the property to inspect. Just like building permit, Tree removal permit must be signed for and placard on display that permit is approved.
 - The STC may need to let complaints go because our ordinance is not clear enough as is. The borough has not managed it properly and enforced tree replacement in the past so Mr. Levy suggests composing a letter to send out to all the letter recipients, saying we sympathize with them but we were trying to protect the env and the Oakland canopy. If you would like to make a donation to put towards tree replacement. Mr. Levy will compose.



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10. Discuss the budget for 2020 if available
 - Still not available. \$18,617 in shade tree budget, another \$7,900 based on money collect last yr. will become available in June. In the future, whatever we collected last year will become our budget for planting the current year.
11. New business discussion
 - a. Discussion with Liaison Lew Levy on the funds being generated from payments to Borough for replacement trees not being planted on property owner's site. Money to go to *Tree Replacement Budget*
 - b. Can we now meet in person at Borough Hall for the July meeting? – no time soon due to social distancing requirements.
12. Other new business not on agenda.
 - a. Willow on Chuckanut may be a danger – Mr. Smid will go check to see if it can come down immediately.
 - b. 3 Hooper – they signed on the blue prints to plant trees - replace 15 trees. – building dept will follow up after covid.
 - c. Corner of Walnut and 202- The building department agreed to let them do a replanting. Needs follow up.
 - d. 91 west Oakland needs follow up on trees
 - e. The building department dropped the ball as well because we never got to check off. Building and Health dept never let us know when they require replacement trees. We need to reestablish the connection to get follow up trees after a septic or building complete.
13. Meeting adjournment – 8pm