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MEETING Minutes ~ June 7, 2021

1. Meeting Call to Order
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 – Via Zoom Joe LaTerra, Peter Kikot, Ed Clark, Tony Smid and Nancy Krause were present. Ray Carroll was absent. Kim Bouma was excused. Councilman Grant Van Eck was in attendance.
4. Open to the Public/Close to the Public
5. Review of prior meeting minutes ~ Approve May Minutes Motion to approve as amended by Mr. LaTerra and seconded by Mr. Clark
6. New Permit Application is now live and available online. This must be used and filled out completely and handed in at DPW or emailed to shadetree@oakland-nj.org.
7. Mr. Clark reported that 340 of the 400 saplings were planted around town on municipal property. Some at Truman properties, some at Butternut, some across from DPW, some on Allen, 60 were potted in 1 or 2 gallon pots.
8. Great Oak Park – Dog Park Tree Installation Update – Mr. Smid said fire truck can be used to water when we ask in advance for watering. Mr. Clark has watered 2 times, there has been 1 fatality. Tony will try for Wednesday.
9. Update on Removal and Pruning Work RFQ. See spread sheet. – Added trees from Rockland Electric as well. Mr. Kikot asked for help reviewing the list so we can go to bid.
10. Discuss the two emergency tree removals (22 Oak & 39 Poplar) – Bids are high for emergency removal. Mr. Kikot feels Oak tree is more of an emergency. 39 Poplar is leaning for a long time, need a crane to get, best if we can wait. Mr. Clark agreed. Mr. Smid agreed to take a look at both tomorrow to give second opinion.
11. Continue the discussion on the idea of performing a legacy tree mapping as an overlay to Oakland's town wide assets. Ask Michael Carelli to help us organize data. Mr. Kikot has GPS unit to use.



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12. Update on the search for a new part-time Shade Tree Officer. - Franklin Lakes officer retired.
13. Update on Ordinance Revisions- no support for it to pass from the council. Mr. Kikot expressed his dissatisfaction that the Borough Council has not even responded to his presentation in any way. Councilman Van Eck said that he would press to set up a meeting where we can discuss modifications to the proposed ordinance that would satisfy the council yet still protect the shade tree canopy of Oakland.
14. New business discussion
 - a. 2021 NJUCF Stewardship Grant- Agreed that Mrs. Krause with move ahead with the help of Mr. Carelli. Due July 9
 - b. Letter– Councilman VanEck working on response to letter from Kevin Hel---
15. Meeting adjournment 8:21 motion to close.