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## MEETING Minutes ~ March 1, 2021

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:32 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 –Via Zoom Joe LaTerra, Peter Kikot, Ed Clark, and Nancy Krause were present. Councilman Grant Van Eck was also present.
4. Open to the Public, there was no public via zoom, therefore closed to the Public.
5. Review of prior meeting minutes ~ Motion made by Mr. Clark to approve January Minutes as submitted. Mr. LaTerra seconded. All in favor.
6. Membership Review ~ Two member positions available.
7. Mr. Kikot presented at the last Council meeting regarding the importance of our new ordinance. He stressed the low number of trees replanted after tree removal compared to what is requested and required according to the current ordinance. The revenue generated from tree removal is our budget to the following year to plant tree. Therefore the \$10,125 collect in 2020, is our budget for 2021.
8. There were eight approved CEU credits for 2020. We have 2 credits already submitted for 2021. Mrs. Krause reported that the DEP Annual Accomplishments report and Tree City USA renewal report were submitted in February. Our NJ Urban and Community Forestry Accreditation was approved.
9. Great Oak Park – Dog Park Tree Order Confirmed and should have trees by the end of the month
10. Update on Removal and Pruning PO's - Three different contractors are completing the work. Mr. Clark reported that Down's tree service completed their work already and Friendly Tree Service will start tomorrow. Should all be completed by mid-March. Mr. Clark asked the DPW to take care of the branches down at 27 Grandview.
11. Discuss the search for a new part-time Shade Tree Officer. – A tree officer goes hand in hand with a stronger ordinance.

12. New business discussion

- a. Roots for Rivers – Mrs. Krause will get in touch with Carol Peterson and or the Green Team
- b. Arbor day – Mrs. Krause will find out if we need event for our Tree City Application due to Covid-19 concerns.
- c. New application for tree removal was posted by Mr. Kikot for our review. Submit comments by 3/5. Mr. Kikot will revise and will send new permit to DPW and put up on Website.
- d. Mr. Clark ordered 500 free saplings from the NJ Forest service – community tree recovery program. We plan to plant for Arbor day. Other trees purchased will be used to distribute to the public.
- e. Mr. Clark reported that a Landmark tree removed in Veterans Park, ordered by the DPW without checking with the STC. They are working on getting tree replaced. We need to improve the communication so these things don't happen. There was discussion on how we can better identify Landmark Trees to avoid these problems. Ideas such as a map in addition to the list, plaques near or on the tree.

13. Meeting adjournment – Mr. Kikot announced our next meeting to be on April 5, at 7:30pm and motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Clark at 8:14 pm.