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## MEETING Minutes ~ May 3, 2021

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 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, Tony Smid and Nancy Krause were present. Ray Carroll was absent. Kim Bouma was excused. Councilman Kevin Slasinski was in attendance, covering for Councilman Van Eck.
4. Open to the Public. There was no public via zoom. Tony, Nancy Nancy and Joe close
5. Review of prior meeting minutes ~ Motion made by Mr. Smid to approve the April minutes as amended. Mr. LaTerra seconded. All in favor.
6. Membership Review ~ Two member positions are available.
7. New Permit Application is available, but language still needs to be updated as per the April meeting minutes.
8. Roots for Rivers events
  - a. GOP event run by the Sustainable Oakland Green Team on April 24 and 25. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Krause assisted with planting.
  - b. May 1 and 2 the location was at Roosevelt Blvd along the Ramapo River. Mr. Clark planted 100 of our 400 trees that we purchased.
  - c. Mr. Clark will pot some of the remaining 300 trees. Mr. Clark suggested that we plant the others at several locations around town including the Dog Park on Sunday. Mr Clark, Mr. Kikot, Mr. LaTerra and Mrs. Krause are available after noon. There are tubes left over to protect the deciduous trees from deer browsing.

9. Dog park update. – Trees are in. DPW willing to use river water collected with a generator and hose. Fire truck could work too. Mr. Smid will check with fire department for help watering.
10. Pruning – 3 bidders,
  - a. One bidder done but issue with one removal to resolve. Electric service was knocked off of house. Needs to be resolved with homeowner.
  - b. *Downes* has not started yet; they said the end of May beginning of June.
  - c. One contractor did some but not all of the trees.
11. No updates from borough on ordinance or hiring Shade Tree Officer. Councilman Slasinski will bring up to Councilman Van Eck. Urgent to get revisions in place to protect tree from larger development. May 12 is the next council meeting. Mr. Kikot urged ST members to attend the meeting and voice our concerns about ordinance.
12. Mr. Smid will keep us updated on board of adjustment issues.
13. No Budget has been approved yet; urged Councilman Slasinski to get a budget approved so we can take care of more hazardous trees in town.
14. Meeting adjournment 8:03 Motion to close by Mr. and Mr. Clark seconded.