

## **TOWN OF CLINTON SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES**

January 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

Attendees: John Kashwick, Ross Traphagen, Dan Shea, Pat Daley

Chair John Kashwick called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes from October 15, 2020 meeting was made by Dan and seconded by Pat and passed by voice vote.

Meeting was opened to the public. No public was present.

Council Liaison Ross Traphagen mentioned that the Town will be developing the budget in the next month or so. He had no expectations of whether we might receive our full request this year. He mentioned that the A&P redevelopment is on track to start in the spring. The newsletter article is due by February 9. Pat volunteered to write the article for this quarter. For the May issue, we should consider a story about Arbor Day and the large sycamore tree by Clean Plate.

In his Environmental Commission Liaison report, John mentioned that the Councilman Humphrey (liaison to Environmental Commission) brought up the idea of combining the Shade Tree and Environmental Commissions since neither commission is at full capacity. The members of the Shade Tree Commission had concerns about the idea and thought we should try harder to recruit new members.

John was pleased to announce that he received more than the adequate number of CEUs for 2020.

Dan will send John the list of outstanding takedowns from 2020 and we will try to schedule removals now that we are in a new budget year.

John reviewed our goals from 2020. Despite a challenging year we achieved most of our goals including holding our Arbor Day celebration and adding a new Core-training member. Our goals are similar for 2021 but also includes developing a stronger tree preservation ordinance to present to the governing body.

The Tree City USA application and our Annual Accomplishment Report to the state are due February 15. John will work on that. Also the "Big Tree" nominations are due by April 15.

We should begin thinking about Arbor Day 2021 but we will have to wait to see about restrictions because of the pandemic before planning.

Shade Tree Commission members should come up with planting ideas for spring which we will make a priority in 2021 since there were no plantings in 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kashwick