

TOWN OF CLINTON SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

October 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

Attendees

John Kashwick, Chair

Ross Traphagen, Council Liaison

Dan Shea

Pat Daley

Whitney Wetherill

Meeting was called to order by John at 7:34 PM.

Ross reported about the meeting that we had with the Parks committee that included Ross, John, Town Administrator Rich Phelan, Councilwoman Megan Johnson, and Mayor Kovach. We discussed the ash trees on town property that are adjacent to homes particularly along Hunts Mills Park and Haver Farm Road. The Council is looking for help in assessing and identifying trees to be removed. John mentioned that grants are available for ash removal but that the town would need to provide matching funds. John also mentioned that Mill View Park also contains some ash trees that could potentially cause property damage.

At the last Environmental Commission, John mentioned that there was discuss of the trash collection ordinance including bulk items and making sure that all containers have lids.

Dan mentioned that trees are on order include two maple, one cherry, and one plum trees for planting in the fall.

Take-downs have been partially completed. The vendor should be back in several weeks to complete the job.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 18 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

John Kashwick

Year 2: 2020

- X-Celebrate Arbor Day
- X-File Tree City USA Application
- X-File Annual Accomplishment Report
- Develop strategy for managing remaining ash trees in parks and streets in the town
- Apply for grant to treat ash trees and apply first treatment
- X-Perform annual tree hazard inspection
- X-Review training needs and fulfill CEUs
- X-Gain CORE certification for at least one other member
- Plant 5-7 trees
- X-Prepare four articles for town newsletter
- X-Develop on line reporting form for tree planting requests and maintenance issues
- Create greater social media presence
- Develop a more systematic schedule for tree pruning whereby we divide the town into three districts and handle one third of the town each year on a rotating basis

Year 3: 2021

- Celebrate Arbor Day
- File Tree City USA Application
- File Annual Accomplishment Report
- Perform annual tree hazard inspection
- Review training needs and fulfill CEUs
- Plant 5-7 trees
- Prepare four articles for town newsletter
- Second year of 3-year rotating pruning schedule
- Draft new tree preservation ordinance and propose to Mayor and Council
- Gain CORE certification for at least one other member