

## TOWN OF CLINTON SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

April 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM.

Motion to adopt minutes from April 1, 2021 was moved by Dan and seconded by Pat. Motion carried unanimously.

Ross reported that adoption of the budget is scheduled for April 28, 2021. The A&P project is underway and scheduled to take 16 months.

Rutgers and Highlands Council guest speakers and best practices and grant moneys are available.

Correspondence:

4/15/21: From Rich Phelan: Yesterday, a the resident at 45 West Main Street approached a DPW employee and advised that "we cut down his tree 7 years ago and he would like us to replace it." As the Town employee was unaware of what this property owner was referring to, he said that he would bring the information back to report it. The DPW employee did not get a phone number.

4/13/21: Good morning, Last Fall you guys removed a tree in our front yard and someone came to grind the stump. I was just wondering if the remains and wood chips of the stump were going to be picked up. Thank you for taking the tree out. Jason 7 Hillside Drive

3/20/21: Tree Concern/Question (Select 1): Request to Plant a Tree. Location of Tree(s): Kings Crossing Species of Tree(s): Any viable tree Additional Information: The Kings Crossing area of town has lost numerous trees, without any being replaced. Now we have the remaining town ash trees dying from the ash borer. What needs to be done to get these trees replaced and or treated? Karen kuzma, 13 Goosetown Drive at the bowls. Check for curb.

We will consider the above once we hear further on our budget.

Takedown list was updated and Dan will send to Rich's tree service for a quote.

Arbor Day will be changed to Hunts Mills Park and we will plant an oak tree. Arbor Day is still scheduled for April 30. Distribution of saplings will be delivered to school. Arbor Day Proclamation is completed and Dan will prepare a poem. Tree will be dedicated to Frank Hooper.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 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