

TOWN OF CLINTON SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

June 28, 2021 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

Attendees:

John Kashwick, Chair

Ross Traphagen, Council Liaison

Dan Shea

Pat Daley

John opened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Ross brought up an issue that a resident brought up to him about trees at the Halstead Street playground that are hanging over the street. Dan referred Ross to the Buildings and Grounds Committee as these are not street trees.

John reported that the Environmental Commission did a walk-through of the Town looking for locations where we could place eco-friendly infrastructure such as rain gardens or pervious pavement. The Commission identified locations between the school and the town border near Halstead Apartments.

John announced that we need six more CEUs before the end of the year.

Dan finalized the list of tree takedowns and we are ready to go out for quote from Rich's Tree Service. After two years of limited funds and the emerald ash borer killing a number of trees, the list is extensive. We will ask the governing body to allow us to use additional funds beyond what was allocated for the current year.

We have a list of trees that could potentially be planted pending budget approval. We plan to have these planted in the fall when the weather gets cooler.

John and Pat will look into a tree planting project for which we can apply for a grant from the state. John said that we need to have some kind of a theme to the project, e.g. ash replacement strategy.

John mentioned that he had a meeting with Nick, the owner of the Clinton House. They are requesting to remove two trees on the west side of the building. One tree is in poor condition, but the other is in good condition. John thinks they should plant in the grassy area closer to the road or on the side of the road by the river. Motion was made by Dan and second by Pat to allow the Clinton House to remove the two trees with the understanding that they replace the trees elsewhere on the property. Motion passed unanimously.

Ross will sit down with the mayor to discuss funding the tree takedowns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted

John Kashwick