

TOWN OF CLINTON SHADE TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

May 20, 2021 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 981 9180 5964

Passcode: 962360

CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

ATTENDANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 04/15/2021
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 3) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT (ROSS)
 - a) Budget
- 4) ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION LIAISON REPORT (JOHN)
- 5) CORRESPONDENCE
 - a) 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. To that end, the property owners are listed as Paul and Claudia Balasic. The DPW employee did not get a phone number, but we have a cell phone of 908-892-9977 listed in our municip
 - b) 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
 - c) 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
 - d) Additional Information: I tried to get permission to cut this down 8 years ago when I was having other work done. I was denied permission. It is now completely dead on top. Only new growth at bottom is growing. Please prune or cut down ASAP. Thank you. Lori Kripetz, 11 Busher Place
- 1) OLD BUSINESS
 - a) CEUs (On-going)
 - b) Takedown lists
 - c) Planting List
 - d) Big Tree Nomination
 - e) Meeting with DPW
- 2) NEW BUSINESS

3) REMINDER: NEXT MEETING THU/JUNE 17 AT 7:30 PM *

4) ADJOURNMENT

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