



FAIR HAVEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING

BOROUGH HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2017, 7:30 P.M.

1. **Call To Order (735 PM)**
2. **Sunshine Law Notice (Burn)**
 - a. **Roll Call:** Chris Rodriguez, Mike D'Angelo, Dave Becker, Stephen Trudel (not in attendance), Jason Corrigan, Christian Burns, Audrey Murphy-Henne, and Chris McCabe
3. **Review/Approval of January 2017 meeting minutes (no notes for Feb meeting)**
 - a. **Approved, no changes**
4. **Officer, Member and Consultant Reports:**
 - a. Parks & Recreation Committee activities
 - i. No report
 - b. Environmental Commission activities
 - i. No report
 - c. Fair Haven Fields Natural Area Advisory Committee
 - i. Commissioner Becker reported on clean-up day, tentatively April 22
 - ii. The tree nurse is cleaned out and needs to be raked
 - iii. Place to plant the saplings and seedlings
 - iv. Will aid in completing 5-Year plan requirements
 - d. Bill Brooks to report on any relevant JCP&L Tree activity
 - i. JCPL wrapping up substation clean up that feeds some FH homes
 1. Flag Maita: 154 Buttonwood, potential JCP&L hazard
 - ii. Complete by the end of March
 - iii. Will likely start on the FH substation in mid-March
 - iv. Will add some names to the list that are near the lines; may serve to save FH residents for taking them down
5. **Old Business**
 - a. DeNormandie Park Update
 - i. In possession of three conceptual plans for the park
 - ii. Will get an update for April
 - b. Resident reached out on tree issues:
 - i. Michael Vaccaro @ corner Lake & Harvard (195 Lake St.)
 1. Small tree on property
 - ii. Maita: 154 Buttonwood, potential JCP&L hazard
 - iii. Recent report from Gentry resident; will get more information
 1. Tree on FH Fields ball fields bluff causing concern
 - c. Focus on Fair Haven Shade Tree information to be submitted for APR/MAY
 - i. Tree Give Away (200 trees); Art Contest at Knollwood, Library Seedling program (Tuesday April 25th at 330 PM), Sickles Poem contest
 1. NOTES: we will look into buying 200 trees to target the date for distribution (first weekend of May)
 2. Earth Day event; planting flowers April 18th
 - ii. Volunteer Day Info; April 22 Earth Day
 - iii. Tree City USA Status
 - iv. Possible 4 town education on our trees (need to fix date with other commissions); goal build community understanding of our commission's mission



- d. Windshield survey in town

6. New Business:

- a. Officer elections: Chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary
- b. Commissioner Jason Corrigan made the motion and second by Commissioner Dr. Michael D'Angelo to elect Commissioner Christian Burns as new Chairman; unanimously voted in
 - i. Chairman Christian Burns second by Commissioner Jason Corrigan to elect Commissioner Audrey Henne as Secretary; unanimously voted in
 - ii. Chairman Christian Burns second by Commissioner Audrey Henne selected Commissioner Jason Corrigan as Vice Chair; unanimously voted in
- c. Education series idea
 - i. Fair Haven will group up with Rumson, Little Silver and Shrewsbury
 - ii. Tentatively, Jason Grabowsky from Rutgers agreed to speak on the 1st or 2nd Wednesday in April
 - iii. Talk on plant selection, site selection, proper planting techniques and something on sidewalk/planting strip conflicts
 - iv. The goal would be to get the talk approved for 1 CEU from Community Forestry
 - v. Each town may be able to fulfill their yearly CEU requirement!!
 - vi. In lieu of a speaking fee, Jason suggested we sponsor some students to attend the Shade Tree Federation conference
- d. FH Nature Area nursery clean up idea by Dave Becker
- e. Volunteer Day: need liaison to volunteer and manage effort (April 22); Commissioner Becker and Commissioner Rodriguez volunteered (pun intended)
- f. Arbor day prep
 - i. Commissioner D'Angelo leading the charge with the art contest and the library session and seedlings

7. Notices

- a. 2017 Dates for meetings (first Wednesday of the month)
Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6
- b. Working on information about CORE Training locations and dates
 - i. April in New Brunswick; checking dates

8. Public Participation

9. Adjournment (835 PM)