

# FAIR HAVEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING

## ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 6, 2021

### STANDARD PROCEDURE - START

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 7:30 by T. Casagrande
2. Sunshine Law:
3. Roll Call: McCabe, D'Angelo, Henne, Larsen, Paolo, Sullivan, Beganie, Reid, Councilwoman Neff (Council Liaison), Casagrande (Borough Administrator)  
Absent: Becker, Brooks
4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (December 2, 2020)
5. Introduction of New Members: Sullivan, Beganie, Reid, Neff-new council liaison
6. Election of New Chairman / New Secretary: D. Paolo / C. Larsen (seconded by M. D'Angelo)  
Chairman Paolo on behalf of the STC thanked outgoing Secretary Audrey Henne for her years of service to the commission.

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### MEETING:

7. Project Updates:
  - a. Salem White Oak Seedlings (Paolo) – D. Paolo gave a brief history of the Salem White Oak to new members, FH is awaiting allotment of saplings, due to size of tree planting space will be crucial – updates forthcoming
  - b. Kwanzan Cherry Trees on Fair Haven Road – T. Casagrande spoke regarding the application for Monmouth County Open Space Grant to put stone dust trail around trees, project is most likely a few years away if FH received grant. This is the only discussion town council has had regarding area. D. Paolo spoke regarding concerns of protecting trees if and when project moves forward. T. Casagrande assured STC there would be no action taken without discussing with STC. A. Henne offered a history of the trees pointing out the trees are approx 100 years old and were planted by the children of FH. Updates will be forthcoming should trees need maintenance in the near future. No current action items.
  - c. Tree Giveaway Initiative (Paolo, Larsen) – D. Paolo offered updates regarding this project and history to new members. S. Trudel, previous chairman, was going to move forward with website. D. Paolo will follow up with T. Casagrande with direction STC can go with regards to media. Budget info will be provided by T. Casagrande.
  - d. Community Center Fields Reforestation (D'Angelo) – M. D'Angelo gave brief history of trees surrounding the CC Fields, T. Casagrande explained trees in the area were taken down in the past due to them being hazard trees, no actions will be taken in the near term as M. D'Angelo was advised by Bill Brooks (Town Arborist) it is best to see results of Community Center and Police Station construction projects.

- e. Buttonwood Drive UPDATE – T. Casagrande, Zig Panek report identified 6 hazard trees that will have to be removed with the remainder in need of maintenance. A purchase order has been prepared to Frontier Tree to do the work however no work will begin until residents are properly notified, approx 45 days. Questions remain regarding replacement.
  - f. JCP&L – D.Paolo discussed his conversation with Bill Brooks regarding upcoming tree trimming around power lines. Bill Brooks will be following up with JCP&L
  - g. Councilwoman Neff discussed her involvement with FH Green Initiative and potential for beneficial overlap with the STC. A. Reid volunteered to be point person for STC.
8. Public Participation: Susan O'Brien discussed her attending Parks & Recreation Meeting and pointed out that Parks & Recreation is also discussing shade issues with Community Center Fields.
9. Proposed New Agenda Items:
- I. Parks & Recreation moving from Bench Dedication to Tree Dedication, D'Angelo to follow up.
  - II. Green Initiative
  - III. CEUs – requirements have been extended due to pandemic
  - IV. Community Forestry Submission Review
  - V. Chestnut Street
  - VI. Arbor Day Foundation Tree Recovery Program

STANDARD PROCEDURE - END

Meeting Adjourned: 8:49pm

Next Meeting: February 3, 2021