

# FAIR HAVEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING

## ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 7, 2021

### STANDARD PROCEDURE - START

1. Call to Order: 7:30pm by Paolo
2. Sunshine Law: Paolo
3. Roll Call: Present: Beganie, D'Angelo, Larsen, Paolo, Reid, Sullivan,  
Casagrande (Borough Administrator)  
Absent: McCabe, Becker, Neff
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (March 3, 2021)

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### MEETING:

6. Project Updates:
  - a. Salem White Oak Seedlings (Paolo) – Per NJ Forestry, saplings are available, Order form Will be submitted – Decision as to where to plant will be forthcoming. M. D'Angelo will speak to Parks & Rec Director DJ Breckinridge regarding planting around playground in FH Fields for shade. D. Paolo will be maintaining the sapling at his home until it is ready to plant.
  - b. Kwanzan Cherry Trees on Fair Haven Road – Awaiting date for training on-site discussion/program by town arborist Bill Brooks **UPDATE: training session took place on April 29, 5:30pm. Town arborist Bill Brooks discussed long term plan on maintaining and replacing trees as needed. It was stressed that the town is in danger of losing these trees completely should the canopy bordering these in the Nature Area not be trimmed back to allow sunlight to reach the west side of the trees.**
  - c. Tree Giveaway Initiative (Paolo, Larsen) – Wording for promotion on town website is forthcoming. Also discussing cross promotion with the Green Team.
  - d. Sickles & Knollwood Tree Donations – J. Sullivan spoke with Superintendant McNeil. He was very receptive however, would not be ready to discuss further until September. We will revisit then.

- e. JCP&L Tree Trimming – D. Paolo spoke with town arborist Bill Brooks. Mr. Brooks stated he was very pleased with the progress and work Davey Tree Service is doing.
  - f. Green Initiative – A. Reid spoke discussed promoting a residential composting program
  - g. Girl Scout Tree Planting Project – Girls scouts/representatives were not present at meeting.
  - h. Arbor Day Foundation Tree Giveaway – Poster Contest Deadline is 4/30
  - i. Big Tree Hunt – A. Reid reported the deadline was March 6. Joe Bennett will be providing information for future events.
  - j. Core Training – D. Paolo discussed the course work he participated in. A. Reid discussed learning about “Treasure Our Trees” License Plates available for purchase with proceeds going toward grant programs
  - k. Tree Risk Management – J. Sullivan volunteered to investigate management program that may already be in place.
  - l. Buttonwood Replanting – No Updates, item to remain on agenda
  - m. CEUs – 8 CEUs in total for the STC are needed every year.
  - n. FH Fields Wall Project-Possible STC Donation – Potential opportunities to work with other commissions to plant trees as needed.
7. Public Participation: Resident Wendy Murphy discussed the books The Nature of Oaks and The Importance of Trees written by Doug Tallamy. Ms. Murphy discussed how informative these books are and how they could be a resource for the STC.
9. Proposed New Agenda Items:
- 1. Website development w/ Native tree suggestion
  - 2. Five Year Plan

STANDARD PROCEDURE - END

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20pm

Next Meeting: May 5, 2021