

FAIR HAVEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING

BOROUGH HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2017, 7:30 P.M.

1. Call To Order 7:35 PM

2. Sunshine Law Notice

- a. **Roll Call:** Christian Burns, Jason Corrigan, Audrey Murphy-Henne, Chris McCabe, Chris Rodriguez, Mike D'Angelo, Dave Becker were present; Stephen Trudel was not present

3. Review/Approval of March 2017 meeting minutes (approved)

4. Officer, Member and Consultant Reports:

- a. Parks & Recreation Committee activities
 - i. Commissioner D'Angelo reported that the town got grant funds from the Monmouth County Open Space Program for the Gentry tree project at FH Fields
- b. Environmental Commission activities
 - i. No report
- c. Fair Haven Fields Natural Area Advisory Committee
 - i. Liaised with committee on Earth Day projects and communication about volunteering time, date and need for rakes
 - ii. Extensive coordination
- d. Bill Brooks to report on any relevant JCP&L Tree activity
 - i. In town doing work on Ridge Road and around town

5. Old Business

- a. DeNormandie Park Update by Bill Brooks
 - i. No change
- b. Resident reached out on tree issues:
 - i. Michael Vaccaro @ corner Lake & Harvard (195 Lake St.)
 - 1. Small tree still on property
- c. Possible new resident reported tree issues:
 - i. Maita: 154 Buttonwood, potential JCP&L hazard
 - 1. Completed
 - 2. Wood will be removed by the town
- d. Windshield survey in town
 - i. On-going

6. New Business:

- a. April 19 town hall style education on our trees, planting and safety at RFH
 - i. Goal build community understanding of our commission's mission
 - ii. Fair Haven will group up with Rumson, Little Silver and Shrewsbury
 - iii. Jason Grabowsky from Rutgers to speak
 - iv. Talk on plant selection, site selection, proper planting techniques and something on sidewalk/planting strip conflicts
 - v. The goal would be to get the talk approved for 1 CEU from Community Forestry
 - vi. Each town may be able to fulfill their yearly CEU requirement!!
 - vii. In lieu of a speaking fee, Jason suggested we sponsor some students to attend the Shade Tree Federation conference
- b. April 22 Volunteer Day in FH Fields
 - i. Small groups of 6 to 8 will be deployed to areas of the Natural Area to do work between 9 and 12
 - ii. Will be led by Stephen Sheehan and Jim Ingle
 - iii. DPW will aid with hard garden rakes

- iv. John Ridgeway will bring a chain saw for heavier jobs
- c. Tree Give Away
 - i. Tree pick up update prior to give away on May 6
 - ii. Same place as last year
 - iii. Will need to fill hours from 9 AM to 12 noon; Best to have 1 hr shifts and kids helping
 - iv. Signs already made and kept from last year
 - v. Will draw up a hand out including planting tips and info about each species
 - 1. Species: 50 Black Gum, 50 Chestnut Oak, 50 Mixed Black/Scarlet/Northern Red Oak and 50 Red Maples
 - 2. Pick up by DPW on April 21 and use some of those on Earth Day
- d. Arbor Day at the Library
 - i. Tree give away pre-K to 3rd grade
 - ii. April 25th at the Library 3:30 PM
 - iii. Give away seedlings and talk about plantings and benefits
- e. Knollwood Poster Contest
 - i. Deadline is Friday after spring break
 - 1. Winners will be invited to the next Shade Tree meeting to receive their prizes
 - ii. Instagram campaign to generate awareness
 - iii. Run messaging through the PTA to generate awareness
 - iv. Contact Carol Lang and Sherri D'Angelo about more ideas to raise awareness

7. Notices

- a. 2017 meetings (1st Wed/month): May 3, Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6
- b. CORE Training locations and dates supplied in email; hope to have a few folks going to April class
 - i. Burns definite and Henne potentially going

8. Public Participation

- a. Chairman Burns was commended on the fine job running his first meeting by Christopher Rodriguez.

9. Adjournment 8:15 PM