

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION
May 1, 2019 Meeting - 7:30 PM
1st Floor- Room 110

Meeting Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:30 pm Thom Ritchie
2. **Present-** Tara McQuade, Jeanne Patterson, Lester Preston, Thom Ritchie, Nancy Mac Neill
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Guests:** Haven Knazick (student and Sheila (mom)

5. Announcement of Open Public Meeting Act

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, (c231, P.L. 1975) this meeting was announced by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building reserved for that purpose, by mailing such notice to the offices of the official newspapers and the Township and filing such notice with the Township Clerk.

6. **Meeting Minutes:** April Minutes were approved unanimously

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Parks-tabled to next month, date TBD for Ash risk assessment
- b. Cost Share (ad hock committee) discussed and Shade Tree Brochure to be created and mailed with recycling schedule in December
- c. DPMA Tree Replacements and Miscellaneous
 - i. Halesia needed for 9/11 circle at DPMA, reaching out to Fernbrook.
 - ii. Dead Carpinus in Rock Circle need replacing, park visit to mark trees necessary
 - iii. Irrigation- may be too much/too little and needs addressing. Down to Earth needs to be contacted, or another individual who may be able to give insight
- d. Update on CTE change to LTE in ordinances, ANSI standards... it is being reviewed by the town attorney.
- e. Enforcement of Township Ordinances- code enforcement officer

8. New Business:

- a. **Shade Tree Monthly Report-** reviewed and discussed
 - i. **Tree Removal Permits-** actual reference to Ash bug for a removal.
- b. **Sandy Brook Park-** White Pines along tennis courts are a hazard and need to be removed and replaced. Mix of diverse evergreens, groupings of American Holly, Viburnum, Norway or Serbian spruce would create a nice windbreak/landscape.
- c. Correspondence-Arbor Day Foundation

9. **Good and Welfare-** Photo contest for students for Arbor Day 2020-Twenty years at Durand

10. Meeting Adjourned 8:42

Minutes recorded and submitted by Tara McQuade