

**FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

**April 3, 2019 Meeting - 7:30 PM**

**1st Floor- Room 110**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Meeting Called to Order:** 7:36 pm Thom Ritchie

**2. Present-** Greg Hanley, Tara McQuade, Jeanne Patterson, Bill Brash, Lester Preston, Nancy Mac Neill, Thom Ritchie, Stacey Ehling

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Guests:** Elmer Cedillos- fined for shade tree ordinance infraction with poor pruning/topping of tree. Industry standards were discussed with the gentleman and he was receptive to the suggestions of the STC.

**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:** March Minutes were approved with one change, meeting adjourned at 8:45.

**7. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Parks- Ash trees in high risk areas, waiting for leaf emergence to do assessment and share info with Parks Department so they can monitor the trees for hazards.
- b. Cost Share (ad hock committee) tabled
- c. Spring 2019 tree planting and replacements-
  - i. *Halesia* at DPMA 9/11 Memorial needs immediate attention.
  - ii. Inventory with tree number and dedicated trees would be helpful to keep better records. Inventory
- d. Arbor Day 2019- Catena will be the location for Arbor Day on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup>, time to be determined. Seedlings available through FREC, Bill Brash will pick up.
- e. Arbor Day DPMA on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Greg Hanley will be donating the tree, a Malus 'Prairie Fire' for Tim Mohin, on behalf of His Brothers of the Irish Thoracic Society Ski Club
- f. Update of Licensed Tree Expert change in ordinance, review the shade tree ordinances and include ANSI standards for tree work on Freehold Township
- g. Enforcement of Township Ordinances-review and understanding of the Shade Tree ordinances was discussed

**8. New Business:**

- a. **Shade Tree Monthly Report-** reviewed and discussed
- b. **Correspondence-**none

**9. Good and Welfare-**

- a. Monmouth County ST Spring Forum- interesting info about toxin in spotted lantern fly and blister beetle, can be toxic to humans, horses
- b. Congratulations to Thom Ritchie on being the Volunteer of the Year for the Township-thanks to Thom for all he does to make Freehold a great place to live, he is truly an asset to our town!

**10. Meeting Adjourned** at 8:38

Minutes recorded and submitted by Tara McQuade