Apr 9, 2025. Flemington Borough Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

The Flemington Borough Shade Tree Commission held its meeting both in-person and online. It was held at Borough Hall, 38 Park Avenue, Flemington, NJ 08822, and online through the Zoom platform.

This meeting was held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Meeting called to order by Jane at 7:04pm.

In Attendance:

Jane Cannon – chair

Amy Liszt – vice chair

Nancy Schermerhorn – secretary

Justin Schlenger

Trent Levitt - Council liaison

John Gorman

Absent: Mike DeLuca

Public Comment – (limited to 5 minutes per person) – none.

Reports

Secretary's Report

Approval of Minutes. Motion by Jane. Seconded by Amy. Approved.

Trent asked for previous meeting minutes to be sent to him.

Monthly Budget Report

- **Trent provided the information.**

Agenda Topic – Discussion

- **Adopt-a-Tree Adopt a tree requests are coming in from the website for spring planting.**

- **Arbor day event at RFIS School is planned for Earth Day. We will provide a tree.**
- **There is an Arbor Day event planned at the Fleming Museum on Friday, April 25 at 2pm. Jane is coordinating the event.**

- **Community Outreach planning - Jane put together some flyers that can be used for events. Justin can share a QR code for the Adopt a Tree website or link to visit us on Facebook.**

- **Stream clean up – the date is coming up.**

- **New Tree Ordinance - Decision taken to request an update to the ordinance for tree replacement waiver cost to become $900 vs. currently $550. Ordinance chapter 16-32. Subsection 11 + 12. This has not been updated in years. Trent to take this topic to the council.**

- **Training – Amy is registered for her municipal tree inventory course, to be held in May at the end of the month.**

- **A general training class could be planned. It could be a 1 day 2-3 hrs. class. A catalog of training topics is available. Something to think about for future consideration. Could be relationship builder. Send questions to Amy.**

- **Jane called arborists for pricing. Many municipalities are doing tree inventories now. Bill Branch has basic software and pictures, and more reasonable pricing. We could consider putting him on retainer.**

New Items – None
Next Meeting date. May 14.

Adjournment time 8:08pm

Approved 2025-05-14