

## BOARD OF SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

### MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2025

**Present:** K. Raschen, Steven Campbell, W.R. Comery, M. Ivanicki, F. Ehlers, J. Weber, A. Antonio, B. Goggin, Vando Cardoso, V. Piccinich, J. Weber

**Absent:** A. Hios, R. Kaiser, F. Rizzo

W.R. Comery called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and stated that this meeting of the Shade Tree & Parks Commission, as required, has been made public and posted at Borough Hall. Roll call was taken.

Motion was made by V. Piccinich to enter closed session, seconded by F. Ehlers. All in favor.

Motion was made to end closed session at 7:27 by M. Ivanicki, seconded by F. Ehlers

#### **Public:**

No public in attendance

#### **Superintendent's Report:**

Tree Preservation Releases – K. Raschen recommends releasing tree preservation at 721 Chadwick Drive, 38 Diaz Place, 722 Galda Road, 165 Timothy Place, and 368 Bullard Avenue. Motion made by M. Ivanicki, seconded by F. Ehlers. All in favor.

293 Alpine Drive– Appealing a partial forfeiture from 2022. K. Raschen explained the trees did not survive construction however partial tree preservation was returned for the trees that did. Recommends we uphold the partial forfeiture; Motion made by F. Ehlers, seconded by M. Ivanicki. All in favor.

Shade Tree Ordinance- K. Raschen asked the Commission to review; W. Comery motioned to send it to Mayor and Council to be adapted, seconded by F. Ehlers

Paramus Public Library Project- Shade Tree has been assisting Greenland Nursery in the development and installation of The Senator Joseph Lagana Children's Garden. Mr. LoPinto from the library sends his thanks and appreciation.

Bid Request- 2- We have ordered trees in the past and run into some issues where the PO has come in over the threshold. In order to prevent this issue, we are going to do 2 separate bids: One for locations that have paid to have their trees removed, and a second for our standard Fall plantings. The first bid will consist of larger calipers trees around 4-4 ½" DBH. We need to speak to Grisel ASAP to begin the bid process.

Authorization to Pay Bills- motion made by V. Piccinich, seconded by B. Goggin. All in favor.

### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

Spring Tree Planting- The Spring tree planting has successfully been completed. Trees have been planted all around town.

Downes Tree Removals- Downes has continued to remove trees that the Borough has identified. We are very pleased with the results and hope to continue working with them in the future.

Leaf Site- We are continuing to work with the DPW to bring the Leaf Site up to the standards set by the DEP.

Irrigation at Firemans Park- There has been a significant amount of miscommunication between contractors. The Fire Department has moved their memorial ceremony until October. Once the retaining wall has been completed all irrigation will need to be tested before planting, regrading, and seeding can be done.

Replacement Garage at Sportsplex – We are still waiting on approval for a replacement garage at the Sportsplex. It is vital for operations.

**Chairman's Report**- W.R. Comery emphasized the importance of the replacement garage at the Sportplex and concerns regarding access to the area once construction begins. Also thanked K. Raschen for the work done at the garden at the Paramus Library- it looks very impressive

### **Council Report**

#### **New Business**-

#### **Old Business**-

#### **Land Use**-

Motion to close meeting made by M. Ivanicki seconded by F. Ehlers at 8:11. All in favor

Motion to open meeting and adjourn meeting made by V. Piccinich, seconded by F. Ehlers at 8:20.  
All in favor