

BOARD OF SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2025

Present: Steven Campbell, W.R. Comery, B. Goggin, F. Ehlers, A. Hios

Absent: M. Ivanicki, V. Piccinich, F. Rizzo, K. Raschen, R. Kaiser, A. Antonio, J. Weber

W.R. Comery called the meeting to order at 7:01 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. No need for closed session.

Motion to approve last month's minutes made by F. Ehlers, seconded by B. Goggin. All in favor.

Public:

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Tree Preservation Releases- 648 Falmouth Ave- No issues with the trees at this location. Motion to release made by B. Goggin, seconded by F. Ehlers. All in favor.

85 Willowbrook Court- No issues with trees at this location. Motion to release made by B. Goggin, seconded by A. Hios. All in favor.

233 Hillside Avenue- S.C. recommended to hold the tree preservation for an additional year as the zelkova looks questionable. Motion to hold for 1 year made by B. Goggin, seconded by A. Hios. All in favor.

NJSTFED- S. Campbell explained he needs CORE, and W.R. Comery, K. Raschen, and G. Suhr would be attending for CEUs, which indemnifies the borough from tree-related litigation. Yearly conference for continuing education, new information that applies to the department, etc.

Bid Request – Fall Tree Planting- The request to go out to bid has been sent over for approval. We will be getting 30 cherry trees from the spring, and an additional 165-170 trees for fall planting.

Bid Request – Large Tree Planting- the bid info sent over includes the request for large tree re-planting at Krispy Kreme, Jack Daniels, Chickfila and Fortunoff.

Well at Sportsplex- An electrical issue at the Sportsplex caused damage to the well pump. A contractor has been sourced and the well has been repaired and back up and running as of last week.

Downes Removal – All removals by Downes have been completed. Mark-outs have been completed so they can continue with stump grinding. They also assisted in removal of material at our leaf site, free of charge.

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

Chairman's Report-

Council Report

New Business- F. Ehlers asked why a Shade Tree truck was on his street on either July 17th or 18th. S. Campbell advised we would check worksheets, and let him know via email or call.

Old Business-

Land Use- New apartments are going in by REI at Bergen Town Center. A lot of work going on at From Road/Paramus Park.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by B. Goggin, seconded by F. Ehlers. All in favor