

BOARD OF SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2025

Present: Steven Campbell, F. Ehlers V. Piccinich, W.R. Comery, Vando Cardoso – Cardoso Law

Absent: A. Hios, B. Goggin, M. Ivanicki, F. Rizzo, K. Raschen, A. Antonio, R. Kaiser, J. Weber

W.R. Comery called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 quorum, no voting to take place. No need for closed session.

Public: 368 Bullard Avenue, Mr. Dimaio – came in to request appeal – S. Campbell explained the tree was in good health prior to construction and had to be removed after construction. Vando Cardoso explained he has 5 minutes to speak and the commission will get back to him.

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Tree Planting Bid Opening- Fall planting bid has gone out, we are holding off on the large tree transplants as per the contractor – better to plant in spring because the larger trees need hand-digging due to the close proximity to the Transco line at certain locations.

NJ Shade Tree Federation- Ken, Glen, and Chris attended for CEUs, Steve for CORE in order to get CEUs moving forward. This indemnifies the borough from frivolous lawsuits.

Petruska Park Upgrades- Tasked with overseeing project, the next meeting is this coming Monday with the borough engineer. We have asked for an ETA on when paving may be complete and fences installed, we have not received any information yet.

Firemans Park Upgrades- The memorial park upgrade was completed for the Ceremony. The new wall was placed over the transcoline, had to be re-worked, and was completed by Wednesday. We finished grading, planting, mulching, etc by 2:30 pm on Friday. W.R. Comery stated he was present at the memorial service, and we got many accolades from the mayor and council, Fire Chief, and the fireman. Everyone was impressed with the job well done.

Chairman's Report-

W.R. Comery reiterated what a great job was done at Firemans Memorial Park

Council Report

New Business-

Old Business-

Land Use- Changes were made to the proposed landscape plan for Costco at 670 Rt 17, the landscape plan is acceptable.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by F. Rizzo, seconded by V. Piccinich . All in favor