

Shade Tree Commission Minutes & Recommendations to Council

7/17/18 7:00-7:30pm Community Center

Attended: Christian Lee, Christopher Francy, Carolyn Broullon, Nancy Messina

Absent: Patricia Japngie, Nancy Valinotti

Items discussed

- **Tree City USA requirements** – Application to be submitted in 2019 showing we are compliant as of 2018
- **Tree Maintenance Private Property** – Removal 10 Bayview cost \$6,000 either do not remove and trim heavily or get more quotes. Trimming 47 Waterwitch need to have tree expert look at as large branches over hang entire width of street. Behind 117 Highland Ave on Boro paper road, JCPL to remove as tree failing and in wires.
- **Tree Maintenance Borough Property** - Vets Park by Bay & Shrewsbury, Hufunagel to remove \$400. On Bay Ave from Spring St to Shrewsbury, many trees are dead possible over use of weed killer noted upon inspection. Also Vet's along Bay Ave some trees near wires, Christian to alert JCPL.
- **Tree Removal and Protection Ordinance** – Question came up as to how violations are handled. Here is that section of the ordinance. Please note any member of the Commission can file a complaint on behalf of the Borough. CB will get more info on process of handling complaint and issue of summons.

22-1.10 Violations and Penalties.

a. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-5, any person, firm, association or corporation violating any section of this chapter, shall, upon conviction in the Municipal Court having jurisdiction, be subject to a fine not exceeding two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars or imprisonment in the County jail or in any place provided by the municipality for the detention of prisoners, for any term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both, or community service and shall replace each tree destroyed or removed in violation of this section with a tree on accordance to a list provided by the Shade Tree Commission. Each tree destroyed or removed in violation of this section shall be considered a separate offense. **b. Any member of the Shade Tree Commission can file complaints.** (Ord. No. O-08-06 § 22-1.10)

Actions & Follow-up

Continue to identify problem trees and research grant opportunities.

For 8/21 Meeting:

Review items above

Address new business