

Township of Jackson
Shade Tree Commission
Meeting of
March 13 2023
MINUTES

Shade Tree Commission meeting was called to order by Steve Chisholm at 7:02 p.m. followed by a Flag Salute.

Announced compliance with Open Public Meeting Act.

Roll Call

| | PRESENT: | ABSENT: | EXCUSED: |
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| Chairman | Steve Chisholm | | |
| Vice Chair | Mordechai Gottlieb (7:05 pm) | | |
| | Joseph Aufiero | | |
| | Mike McCabe | | |
| | William Schaap | | |
| | Linda Yostpile | | Dave Ossowski |
| | Dominick Pensabene, CME Associates Tree Specialist / Forester | | |
| | Kathleen Sevckenko, Secretary | | Shari Spero, CME Associates Tree Specialist / Forester |

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the **February 6, 2023** meeting made by D. J. Aufiero, second by M. Gottlieb Joe Aufiero noted a correction – Shari Spero was present at the meeting.

Mike McCabe would like to check if no fee for affordable housing tree removal is practiced statewide. Mike would also like to further check why there is no cap on residential tree removal fees as compared to the cap on commercial fees. Steve Chisholm stated this was removed from the Ordinance in 2014 without the knowledge or approval of the Commission. He has asked the attorney to review this and has not received an answer as of this date.

Motion to approve with correction made by J. Aufiero, second by M. McCabe

Commission Vote: J. Aufiero, L. Yostpile, M. Gottlieb, M. McCabe, S. Chisholm – Ayes W. Schaap - Abstain

Tree Specialist / Forester's Report:

Tree Removal Permits

52 Knightsbridge – New single family dwelling

Block 5202 Lot 6

Remove some scrub trees, Autumn olive (invasive)

Clump maple, many in poor condition.

5 Cranberry Harvest – New single family dwelling

Block 19601 Lot 19

No trees to be removed.

11 Cranberry Harvest – New single family dwelling

Block 19601 Lot 11

Four trees to be removed. Maintain tree protection fence.

440 N. County Line Road

Block 4801 Lot 24

Clearing for Life Storage. Only 1 tree to be removed.

C/O Approvals

2160 West County Line Road

Block 6501 Lot 42.03

Self storage facility. Landscape buffer was under-sized and some tree species had been substituted without approval.

Reviews/Site visits

Walter Earle Corporation

Block 22902 Lot 7

Parking Area

655 S. Hope Chapel Road

Review plans for parking lot already constructed.

705 Brewers Bridge Road – Howell Realty Assoc.

Block 7403 Lot 2

705 Brewers Bridge Road

Draft resolution compliance for Zoning Board. Tree removal fees and permit to be secured at a future date when construction is imminent.

Misc. Ash Tree Survey

Field work is currently in progress.

Google Street inventory continues for all streets within 2 years of being driven (if we feel we have to go check one tree here or there, we will). Approximately 50+% of streets have been inventoried.

Possible meeting change

Consideration to switching to a different Monday so Shari can attend. (Free 1st and 3rd Mondays only).

Dominick will be leaving CME, Shari is unable to attend the meeting on the second Monday of the month. Meetings will be rescheduled to be held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM. Re-notice will be sent out.

Motion to approve Tree Specialist Report made by J. Aufiero, second by W. Schapp

Vote: J. Aufiero, M. Gottlieb, W. Schapp, L. Yostpile, M. McCabe, S. Chisholm – Ayes

Residential Permit Inspections –

27 permits were issued for February 2023. Report was reviewed.

Motion to approve Residential Permit Inspections made by J. Aufiero, second by W. Schapp

Vote: W. Schapp, J. Aufiero, M. Gottlieb, L. Yostpile, M. McCabe, S. Chisholm – Ayes

CSIP Grant – No news. (Ash Tree Survey is 50+% complete) Date has been extended to 12/31/24

Steve Chisholm stated that the USDA Forestry will have a 17 million dollar Grant available for maintaining, pruning, removing and replacing trees.

Old Business

Arbor Day 2023

Plantings – Joe Aufiero stated that Arbor Day plantings will be held on April 25, 2023 at 10 am at the Justice Complex on Robert B. Ventura Drive. Seven Hackberry trees will be planted and 28 stumps in the area will be ground.

Plant Health Care

Ash Trees continue to be destroyed by the Eastern Ash Borer. Evergreens, White Pine, Arborvitaes, etc. are dying, possibly due to the drought / environmental factors.

CFMP - 5 Year Checklist - Keeping up with the checklist items. Still no response from the Forest Fire personnel as of this date. The State has advised that the 5 Year Plan has been extended for one year.

Escrow Account - Tabled.

New Business –

Ordinance Revisions – Chapter 29 is still missing pages on the Township Website.

Public – None

Bills – Motion to pay all bills made by M. McCabe, second by J. Aufiero

Vote: W. Schapp, J. Aufiero, M. McCabe, L. Yostpile, M. Gottlieb, S. Chisholm – Ayes

Correspondence – None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 pm by W. Schapp, second by M. Gottlieb

Vote: W. Schapp, J. Aufiero, M. McCabe, L. Yostpile, M. Gottlieb, S. Chisholm – Ayes

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Kathleen Sevckenko, Secretary

**** NEXT MEETING – April 3, 2023****

7:00 PM

In the CAA TRAILER