

VERONA SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES FOR

April 8, 2019

MEETING STARTED: 4:30 pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:45 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Coppa, Prout, Dubowsky, & Schwartz

ALTERATIVES PRESENT: n/a

PUBLIC PRESENT:n/a

MINUTES: March 2019 Minutes Approved by Prout & Schwartz

BUDGET: 2019 Maintenance Budget is \$125,000

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

TREE WORK:

REPAIRS & PRUNING – n/a

ANNUAL TREE CARE – n/a

REMOVALS – n/a

PLANTING – n/a

DPW – will be doing as per request

MEMBERS LIST – n/a

PARKS & PUBLIC AREAS: n/a

OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

Street Tree Inventory – RichView Consulting has completed 1,400 trees so far.

Community Forestry Management Plan – Our present management plan expired (2014-2018). Coppa submitted application for Green Communities Grant in order to secure funding to pay consultant to develop new Management Plan. Coppa contacted the consultant John Linson, and his proposal from 2018 is still valid. Once funding is secured, the consultant can start working on this new management plan. We are still waiting to hear back from Brian McDonald from NJ DEP on the status of the application.

NJ Shade Tree federation Annual Membership – Coppa submitted new Verona Shade Tree Commission roster, and the Town released a check to pay the annual fee. Membership cards were distributed to all Shade Tree members present at the meeting.

Training – There is a seminar being held by the NJ Tree Foundation & PSEG called “The Right Tree, Planted in the Right Place, the Right Way” on Friday, April 12th, 2019.

Alternate #2 Member – It was agreed that a posting should be released on the Town website and social media requesting a volunteer. We are still waiting to hear back from Steve Neale as to when this will occur.

Arbor Day – the Proclamation for Arbor Day is on the Agenda for the Town Council Meeting scheduled for April 22nd at 7pm.

Funding for New Tree Planting – If there isn’t any funding available at this time in the existing capital ordinance for new tree planting, we will need to ask the council for a new ordinance for new funding at the next council meeting. Giovanni to follow up on this.

Board of Education – Bob Prout will schedule a meeting with the Superintendent to discuss the following: Planting new trees along the path from the Grove Avenue parking lot to the fields & Tree Limb overhanging onto the back of the property for 18 Dodd Terrace

Shade Tree Computer – The Shade Tree Commission voted to approve the purchase of a laptop to be used by the chairman and the commission to perform all of the responsibilities required for the Shade Tree Commission.

NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 @ 4:30 PM