

VERONA SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES FOR

July 8, 2019

MEETING STARTED: 5:00 pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:20 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Coppa, Schwartz & Dubowsky

ALTERATIVES PRESENT: n/a

PUBLIC PRESENT: n/a

APPROVING LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: May 13th & June 10th Approved

BUDGET: 2019 Maintenance Budget is \$125,000 (same as last year)

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

TREE WORK:

DPW WORK ORDERS – May & June Work Orders reviewed

MEMBERS LIST – n/a

PARKS & PUBLIC AREAS:

OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

Street Tree Inventory –

- RichView Consulting has completed the inventory on all of the trees
- 85% of the data has been extracted from the GPS units
- Background:
 - We will be using \$10k from the Forestry Stewardship Grant we received
 - Last survey for Verona was done in the 1990s, of which only 75% was done professionally
 - 35 miles of Town Streets & 5 miles of County & State Roadways
 - Consultant to provide data in Excel, as well as iTree Software Format

Community Forestry Management Plan –

- All Grant documents have been executed by the Town, and returned to Pat Shapella (NJDEP Grant Administrator), along with a copy of Resolution 2019-104 accepting the grant
- Steve Neale will submit a Requisition for the funding
- The consultant selected to develop the new Management Plan (John Linson), will honor his 2018 proposal price of \$6,000
 - The Consultant provided us an updated proposal dated for 2019
 - The Consultant can start around Labor Day
- Background:

- Our present management plan expired (2014-2018).
- Green Communities Grant is required to help pay for the consultant to develop a new Management Plan
- Grant Application was submitted back in Feb 2019
- Grant Amount is \$3,000
- We were notified by Pat Shapella on 5/13/19 that we were awarded the Grant
- Importance of Management Plan – provides a proper plan & implementation of the plan for the town going forward. Provides a guide to successfully achieve and maintain a healthy and safe tree community

Alternate #2 Shade Tree Member –

- Two Possible Applicants
- Committee Appointments by the governing body are tentatively scheduled for July 15th.

New Shade Tree Monthly Meeting Start Time & Schedule –

- New start time for our monthly meetings will be 5pm
- New schedule dates for future monthly meetings will be published in the July 11th edition of the Verona Cedar Grove Times.

Training –

- As per latest Verona Accreditation Status Report from the NJDEP on 6/6/19:
 - Satisfied Core Training Requirement for 2019 – 2 people Core Trained:
 - 1 volunteer & 1 municipal employee
 - 8 CEUs per year among at least 2 people
 - We have 13 CEUs among 3 people

NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, August 12th, 2019 @ 5:00 PM