

VERONA SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES FOR
AUGUST 12, 2019

MEETING STARTED: 5pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Prount, Schwartz, Borland, & Val Ryan

ALTERATIVES PRESENT: Broadwell & Dubowsky

PUBLIC PRESENT: Peter Boeck

APPROVING LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: July 8th – approved

BUDGET:

- 2019 Maintenance Budget = \$125,000 for the year
- Capital Ordinance = \$66,000
 - Remaining Funding as of 8/1/19 = \$0

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

TREE WORK:

DPW WORK ORDERS: July Shade Tree Commission Work Orders reviewed

MEMBERS LIST: 33 Cypress – requesting new tree planting

PUBLIC: Inspect tree suckers (vertical growth and bushy clumps of young stems sprouting from the trunk base) on: Cypress, Ann, & Willow Terrace

PARKS & PUBLIC AREAS:

OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

Street Tree Inventory –

- RichView Consulting has completed the inventory on all of the town trees
- 90% of the data has been extracted from the GPS units
- Background:
 - Total Cost for this effort = \$15k
 - Forestry Stewardship Grant = \$10k
 - Town Cost = \$5k
 - 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

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 submitted 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 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

New Shade Tree Commission Member & Council Representative -

Val Ryan & Kevin Ryan:

- Appointments made on July 15th, 2019 at Town Council Meeting

Training –

- Riverdale Shade Tree Commission Class – Wednesday, Sept 25th
- 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, September 9th, 2019 @ 5:00 PM