



**ENVIRONMENTAL/SHADE TREE
COMMISSION MINUTES
March 8, 2023**

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the chair person at 6:30 pm

Attendance: Diane Allen, Richard Ambrosio, Joe W. Halifko, III, Greg Sharon,
Will Heyniger, Patrick Gilliam, Riona Parola, Rachel Weston

Attorney: Michael Celli, Esq.

Absent: Paul Bagdonov, Nadia Holzer

2023 Reorganization Meeting

Oath of office

1. Riona Parola -3-year term expiring December 31, 2025

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approved February 8, 2023, meeting minutes. All in favor

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Township of Neptune Beverly Park improvements project has been terminated (pickleball/bocce ball & beach volleyball courts)

PLANS/APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

1. PB23/01 Country Woods at Neptune block 3101 lot 1 preliminary & final major subdivision 32 homes

Please be advised the Environmental/Shade Tree Commission has reviewed the above-mentioned application. Please find their comments:

1. The flood maps are from 2009 this property has an extremely high-water table and is in AE flood zone
2. The Environmental Impact Statement adversely effects soil and drainage in a negative manor
3. Recommend a buffer zone to avoid infringement between existing homes and proposed new homes
4. Habitat loss, degradation and subsequent basin maintenance will lead to increase in pesticides and herbicide use for mosquitos
5. Presence of state endangered species and rare wildlife habitat on site
 - a. Black-Crowed Night Heron - state threatened
 - b. Coopers Hawk Nest – special concern
 - c. Great Blue Heron – special concern
 - d. Eastern Box Turtle – special concern
6. Eliminating natural predators will increase the vermin species



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DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATION

1. NJ invasive strike team will treat Hill View Park this summer for invasive Kudzu
2. Annual free bare root give- a -way scheduled for Saturday, April 29th 9am – 12pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm
Minutes submitted by Christopher Bedrosian