



ENVIRONMENTAL/SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES September 13, 2017

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Beth Miller at 6:30PM.

Attendance: Richard Ambrosio, Joseph W. Halifko, Peter Longo, Beth Miller, Julie Soleil, Denise Summer, William Heyniger

Attorney: Michael Celli, Esq.

Absent:

Guests: Mike Davenport, Ray Dodd, Mary Jane Dodd, Jim Chenitz, Susan Chenitz

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Halifko offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Summer to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 9. All were in favor.
2. Tree Removal Ordinance discussion. Current Township of Neptune tree removal ordinance was reviewed as well as tree removal ordinances in other municipalities. The focus was on the current Residential exemptions for clearing less than an acre of trees. Sub-Committee formed for rough draft for changes to current ordinance, focus on protecting heritage trees and clear cutting lots in Exempt residential zones. Guests Listed above were then allowed to express their concerns for the current ordinance and have expressed interest to work with sub-committee on rough draft to present to Township Committee.
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NEW BUSINESS:

1. NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference.

PLANS/APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

1. none

DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATION

1. DEP Landscape Project presentation Mike Davenport reviewed rare wildlife mapping for Township of Neptune. Current Environmental Resource Inventory needs updating
2. Neptune Day: Topic is Birds Bird Houses, Bird Feeders, Raffle Bird House. List of Plants attract birds
3. Autumn Planting Project: Tabled for Spring Project
4. Alternate Member for 2018 Nadia Holzer to be invited to October meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM

Minutes submitted by Christopher A. Bedrosian, Secretary