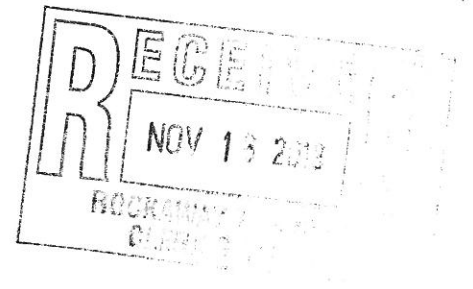


ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 12, 2018



THE MEETING STARTED AT 7:35 PM WITH EDITH YATES, KRIS MCMORELAND, LINDA HILER, AND MARK HILER PRESENT. LAST MEETING'S MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED AS READ. OUR BANK STATEMENT SHOWED \$1006 IN OUR ACCOUNT. THIS WAS OUR 2018 REORGANIZATION MEETING AND EDITH YATES WILL REMAIN AS CHAIRPERSON, AND LINDA HILER CONTINUES AS SECRETARY OF OUR COMMISSION.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT FOR OUR NEW JERSEY STATE COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN IS DUE SOON. WE WENT OVER THE TREE WORK DONE BY ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHICH CAME TO \$57,000 IN MAN HOURS. WE NOW NEED TO APPLY FOR THE GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NJ STATE COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN STATUS WHICH PROVIDES OUR TOWNSHIP WITH LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR ANY DAMAGE DONE BY OUR TOWNSHIP TREES. THIS GRANT WILL HELP PAY FOR THE FORESTER REQUIRED TO FACILITATE OUR PLAN. WE WILL HIRE MR. LINSON, WHO WORKED ON OUR PREVIOUS FORESTRY PLANS AND CHARGES \$6,000 FOR THIS SERVICE. MR. LINSON WILL ATTEND OUR NEXT MEETING.

THIS YEAR, ARBOR DAY WILL BE ON APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> AND WE WOULD LIKE TO PLAN SOME KIND OF EVENT TO CELEBRATE IT. KRIS MCMORELAND OFFERED TO CHECK WITH A TOWNSHIP BOY SCOUT TROOP TO SEE IF THEY WOULD COMBINE A SCOUTING ACTIVITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DAY.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY RESTAURANT AT THE ROCKAWAY TOWNSQUARE MALL HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH THEIR LANDSCAPING PLAN. WE WILL URGE THEM TO PLANT THE TREES AND SHRUBS THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO.

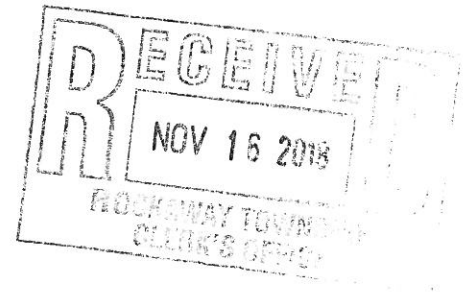
WE MAY NOW BE ELIGIBLE FOR TREE CITY USA. THIS WILL BE LOOKED INTO.

WE DISCUSSED THE LACK OF PROTECION FOR THE ASH TREES INFESTED WITH ASH BORER BEETLES. SOME OF OUR TOWNSHIP WOODLANDS ALONG GREEN POND ROAD ARE BEING SPRAYED FOR GYPSY MOTH INFESTATIONS BY THE STATE.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8:45.

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MARCH 26, 2018



THE MEETING STARTED AT 7:40 PM WITH CHRIS MCMORELAND, EDITH YATES, LINDA HILER AND MARK HILER IN ATTENDANCE. THE FORESTER, JOHN LINSON WAS ALSO PRESENT. \$1006 REMAINS IN OUR BANK ACCOUNT.

WE DISCUSSED THE HARVESTING OF TREES ON THE KOELER PROPERTY ON LYONSVILL ROAD. IT SEEMS ALL THE ASH TREES IN ONE SECION HAD BEEN HARVESTED INSTEAD OF WHAT WE UNDERSTOOD THEY PLANNED TO CUT DOWN. THEY HAVE MADE A MESS OF THE WOODS AND SHOULD HAVE PUT DOWN 2" OF GRAVEL WHERE THE HEAVY TRUCKS WOULD DRIVE. THE NORTH JERSEY FORESTRY SERVICE WILL BE CALLED TO CHECK ON WHAT THEY HAVE DONE.

PLANS FOR THE NEXT ARBOR DAY WERE TALKED ABOUT. WE WLL CHECK IF WE CAM GET SEED;OMG FPR THE COMMUNITY FROM THE NEW JERSEY FORESTRY SERVICE.

OUR APPLICATION FOR THE GREEN COMMUNITY GRANT WAS ACCEPTED. WE ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO BE A TREE CITY USA.

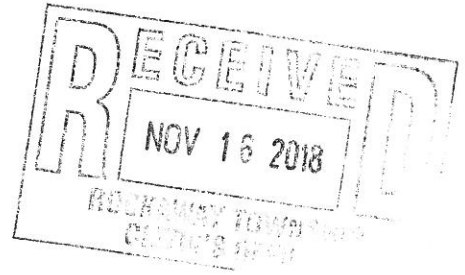
JOHN LINSON IS OUR FORESTER WHO WILL ASSISST IN CONTINUING OUR COMPLIANCE IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN. A TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE, DAVID ZEEK, IS THE LIASON TO THIS PLAN. MR. LINSON MAY DO A WINDSHIELD SURVEY OF TOWNSHIP TREES ALONG COUNTY ROADS. OPEN SPACE MONEY CAN BE USED TO REMOVE ANY TREES THAT ARE A DANGER WITHIN OUR ONE THOUSAND ACRES OF OPEN SPACE LAND. OUR FORESTRY PLAN ENDS THIS YEAR BUT WE HAVE ANOTHER YEAR TO MAINTAIN OUR ELIGIBILITY, STARTING IN JANUARY 2019. WE MUST MAKE SURE WE OBTAIN THE CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS NEEDED TO COMPLY.

WE DISCUSSED THE EMERALD ASH BORER DAMAGE TO TREES. IT STARTS AT THE TOP AND MOVES DOWN THE TRUNK, SO TOP BRANCHES DIE FIRST. THERE IS A \$300 INJECTION TO PROTECT ASH TREES, BUT THIS IS NOT FEASIBLE.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8:40 PM.

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

AUGUST 13, 2018



THE MEETING WAS BEGUN AT 7:35PM WITH TOM PERRAULT, LINDA HILER, EDITH YATES AND MARK HILER PRESENT. OUR LAST MEETING'S MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED AS READ. OUR BANK ACCOUNT HOLDS \$1,006.

IT WAS REMARKED THAT ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP DOES A GREAT SERVICE IN PICKIING UP BRANCHES AND YARD WASTE FOR RESIDENTS.

JIM LUTZ, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER, CALLED THE COMMISSION TO LOOK AT A TREE IN THE TOWNSHIP WITH BROKEN BRANCHES, WHICH HAD CAUSED A DISPUTE BETWEEN NEIGHBORS.

JOHN LINSON WILL DO AN AMENDMENT TO OUR FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN. THIS MAY NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER. THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGREED TO PAY \$3,000 FOR THE GRANT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE REMAINDER OF \$3,000 FROM THE NJ DEP. THIS GRANT IS CALLED "THE GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT". MR. LINSON REQUESTED A TOWNSHIP WORK ORDER SO HE CAN PROCEED.

THE KOEHLER PROPERTY, LYONSVILLE TRACT, IS INFESTED WITH THE EMERALD ASH BORER. THEY COMPLETED A SALVAGE HARVEST OF ASH TREES. THIS ACTION WAS SUPPOSEDLY APPROVED BY NJ DEP AS PART OF THEIR FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

MORRIS COMMONS APARTMENT COMPLEX WAS DISCUSSED. THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL NOT REMOVE EXISTING TREES. WE ASKED THEM TO PUT UP FENCES TO PROTECT THE TREE ROOTS AND TO KEEP THESE FENCES INTACT DURING CONSTRUCTION.

THE POND VIEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF 1200 RENTAL UNITS HAS BEGUN. IT HAS ACCESS FROM ROUTE 15.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8:35 PM.