

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

AUGUST 12, 2019

THE MEETING WAS BEGUN AT 8PM AND HAD BEEN ADVERTISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT. IN ATTENDANCE WERE TOM PERRAULT, KRIS MACMORELAND AND EDITH YATES. THE MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING WERE ACCEPTED.

A RESIDENT OF ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP, MARY NOON OF 454 HERRICK DRIVE, TOLD US THAT HER OAK TREE IN THE BACK YARD WAS DROPPING ACORNS OUT OF SEASON. SHE THOUGHT A TOWN WATER MAIN BREAK HAD CAUSED A SINKHOLE THAT STRESSED THE OAK TREE AND IT MAY HAVE TO BE REMOVED. WE VISITED THE PROPERTY AND SAW NO SIGN OF A SINK HOLE AND RECOMMENDED SHE CONSULT AN ARBORIST.

THE MAYOR'S MEMORIAL TREE WAS PLANTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT PETERSON FIELD. THE DEDICATION CEREMONY WAS POSTPONED DUE TO A VERY RAINY ARBOR DAY. THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION ACCOUNTING OF THE TREE PLANTING AND DEDICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

\$375	TREE
350	PLAQUE
23	MIXED OAK SAPLINGS
69	RED OAK SAPLINGS
\$817	TOTAL

THANK YOU TO THE HILERS FOR PICKING UP THE SAPLING. BALANCE IN OUR BANK ACCOUNT IS NOW \$181. WE NEED PHOTOS OF THE PLANTED SAPLINGS.

WE MAY HAVE TO TOUR TOWNSHIP PARKS FOR PRUNING AND REMOVING TREES IF DPW HAS NOT DONE SO.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9 PM.

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OCTOBER 21, 2019

THE MEETING STARTED AT 7:35 AND WAS ATTENDED BY MARK HILER, EDITH YATES, TOM PERRAULT AND LINDA HILER. LAST MEETING'S MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED AS READ.

POND VIEW DEVELOPMENT WAS DISCUSSED. TREES HAVE NOT BEEN PLANTED PROPERLY AND WE WILL ALERT THE TOWNSHIP.

ALSO DISCUSSED WAS THE MORRIS COMMONS PROPERTY OFF OF GREEN POND ROAD. THIS IS A COMPLEX OF FOUR- STORY APARTMENT BUILDINGS. WE REQUIRED BUILDERS TO PLACE SNOW FENCING AROUND THE DRIP LINES OF THE EXISTING LARGE TREES TO PROTECT THEM FROM CONSTRUCTION WORK. THESE TREES ARE AN IMPORTANT BARRIER TO PROTECT THE VIEW OF THIS APARTMENT COMPLEX FROM EXISTING HOMES NEARBY. THIS MUST BE CHECKED TO MAKE SURE OF COMPLIANCE. WE HAD SUGGESTED THE DOUGLAS FIRS IN THEIR LANDSCAPING PLAN BE REPLACED BY OTHER TREE VARIETIES SUCH AS NORWAY SPRUCE OR COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE WHICH WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO BE DESTROYED BY DEER.

WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS FOR OUR COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN FOR THIS YEAR.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:40.