



ENVIRONMENTAL/SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES April 14, 2021

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson at 6:30 pm available town hall streaming

Attendance: Diane Allen, Richard Ambrosio, Paul Bagdanov, Joseph W. Halifko III, William Heyniger, Nadia Holzer, Jon Stocum

Attorney: Michael Celli, Esq.

Absent: Gregory Sharin

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approved March 10th, 2021 meeting minutes; Mr. Heyniger motion Mr. Bagdanov 2nd. all in favor
2. Township Neptune tree inventory zoom meeting was held on April 1st with Alexis Perez, grant coordinator to review available grants with Mr. Ambrosio, Mr. Heyniger, and Ms. Holzer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ANJEC grants discussion with Ms. Holzer regarding 101 S. Riverside Dr. Rain garden approved ANJEC grant, minimal 80 hrs. of volunteer hours. Project needs to be completed within a year. Deadline to apply is April 19th

1. Eligible project locations: Municipal or other parcel(s) that are **preserved open space**.

Eligible Expenses: materials, speakers, professional services, printing, mailing, advertising. For events, a maximum of \$100 from the grant is allowed toward food. Ineligible Expenses: travel or labor by local volunteers, officials or municipal staff. Suitable projects include, but are not limited to:

- pollinator gardens
- trail building, signage, maintenance
- printed or online guides, maps, inventories of open space, trails
- open space or trails assessments, plans, maps
- multi-town plans to link open space or trails
- conservation easement inventory, monitoring, outreach, education
- management of invasive species
- habitat enhancement on open lands
- restoration or maintenance of riparian areas within preserved public open space
- educational stormwater management projects on preserved public open space

PLANS/APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

1. PB21/01 M&M at Neptune LLC preliminary and final major site plan 704 Highway 35
Ms. Allen will review landscaping plan to ensure there are no invasive species of trees
Ms. Allen contacted Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Bedrosian prior to planning board meeting; 4/28/2021

DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATION

1. April 24th annual free bare root tree seedling event discussion on attendance and supplies
2. Sunshine Fields Park 2021 tree planting will be tabled until end of summer before autumn planting
3. Shark River Island community garden was tabled.
4. Green Team volunteers: Mr. Heyniger expressed interest to work with Mr. Cafferty

ADJOURNMENT 7:55 pm Minutes submitted by Christopher Bedrosian