



## ENVIRONMENTAL/SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES February 10, 2021

### **ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The virtual meeting was called to order by the chairperson at 6:30 pm

**Attendance:** Richard Ambrosio, Paul Bagdanov, Joseph W. Halifko III, William Heyniger,  
Jon Stocum

**Virtual Attendance:** Greg Sharon

**Attorney:** Michael Celli, Esq.

**Guest: Committee Man Keith Cafferty**

**Absent:** Nadia Holzer, Diane Allen

### **Oath of Office**

Paul Bagdanov Three year term expiring December 31, 2023 carried to February 10<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approved January 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting minutes; Mr. Halifko motion Mr. Stocum second. all in favor
2. Township Neptune tree inventory bid was requested at the 2021 Environmental and Shade Tree budget by the secretary; median cost \$35,000 - \$40,000. Township will support funding the project if we secure a grant for financial assistance.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2021 April Arbor Day annual celebration free bare root seedling give-a-way. Event scheduled for Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am until 12:00 pm. 300 seedlings to be ordered for event.

### **PLANS/APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:**

1. PB19/06A WCS Group LLC block 3902 lot 2 600 Essex Rd amended preliminary/final site plan  
Comments: Preservation of at least 50% of the larger caliber legacy trees on Jumping Brook Rd area of site as well as the front of the site. Recommend planting at least 6 more trees at the rear to the building.

### **DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATION**

1. Councilmen Keith Cafferty discussion;
  - a. Discussed Kean University Spring 2020 project proposal for Neptune Riverview Court
  - b. Discussed Neptune tree inventory bid presented to 2021 budget hearings.
  - c. Mr. Cafferty proposed a Community Gardens project at Sea View Island.  
Coastal Resilience Park Project, copies to be given to Mr. Cafferty for review
  - d. Current tree removal ordinance; gave Mr. Cafferty a copy of Citizen Board Feb. 23, 2018 Recommendations.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm

Minutes submitted by Christopher Bedrosian