



**ROLL CALL:**                   **Ayes: Carelli, Norris, Angiello, Johnson, Urban**  
**Nays: None**  
**Abstain: Roetman**  
**(5 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)**

#### **4. LEGAL NEWSPAPER AND ALTERNATE NEWSPAPER**

Thereupon Linda Roetman set forth the motion seconded by Denise Johnson to nominate the Morris Daily Record for legal newspaper and Suburban Trends for alternate legal newspaper as per the Mayor and Council. No other nominations were heard.

**ROLL CALL:**                   **Ayes: Roetman, Johnson, Norris, Angiello, Urban, Carelli**  
**Nays: None**  
**(6 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)**

#### **5. MEETING NIGHTS AND TIME:**

**March 28, 2022 / May 23, 2022 / July 25, 2022 / Sept. 26, 2022 / Nov. 28, 2022**  
**ALL MEETINGS TO BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.**

Thereupon Vice-Chairman Todd Urban set for the motion seconded by Annemarie Angiello to nominate the above listed dates with the meeting beginning time of 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**                   **Ayes: Urban, Angiello, Roetman, Norris, Johnson, Carelli**  
**Nays: None**  
**(6 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)**

#### **MOTION TO CLOSE THE REORGANIZATION PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

Chairman Michael Carelli called for a motion to close the Reorganization portion of the meeting. Thereupon Linda Roetman set forth the motion seconded by Annemarie Angiello to close the Reorganization portion of the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR / Motion Carried**

**Thereupon Chairman Carelli set forth the motion seconded by Denise Johnson to open the Regular portion of the meeting.**

**ALL IN FAVOR / Motion Carried**

**ROLL CALL:**                   **Present:**     **Linda Roetman**  
**Darinda Norris**  
**Annemarie Angiello**  
**Denise Johnson**  
**Vice-Chairman Todd Urban**  
**Chairman Michael Carelli**  
**Council Liaison Matt Oswald**

**Absent:**       **Laura Jennings (Excused absence)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 22, 2021**

Thereupon Vice-Chairman Todd Urban set forth the motion seconded by Denise Johnson to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2021 meeting as written and submitted.

**ROLL CALL:           Ayes: Urban, Johnson, Roetman, Angiello, Norris, Carelli**  
**Nays: None**  
**6 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)**

**TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM POLICY:**

Chairman Carelli stated there is nothing to report at this time and would like to talk about the grant money for trees.

Councilman Oswald asked if we going to get pricing for trees. Chairman Carelli stated there is a Shade Tree section on the new Riverdale web-site that should help. Chairman Carelli stated that we had a survey done by our arborist John Linson, but it was a windshield survey where he sits in his car and counts the trees in the right-of-way. The survey we are having done this time will be give us all of the information on the trees, including age, species, location, etc. This will be 100 times better. Chairman Carelli stated there is pricing for updates on the survey. Chairman Carelli stated so in a few years we could see what the price would be, but they would have to come and do another update from their inventory. Chairman Carelli stated it would help with tree removals as well, If you see your neighbor taking down a tree, you could look at the survey to see the status of that tree, and if you see on the survey the tree is healthy and you say what a minute it says this tree is healthy, I will call the town and see if there was a permit to cut tree down. It would be a protection system as well.

Linda Roetman stated she wanted to be clear in her mind, that the Shade Tree Commission is hiring this company to do the survey and the funds will be coming out of the Borough funds that have been received by the Borough from the grant money. Chairman Carelli asked for a motion to approve the Borough to draft a request for proposals to go out for public bid for the NJ Community Forestry Tree Inventory Grant. Thereupon Vice-Chairman Todd Urban set forth the motion seconded by Chairman Carelli.

**ROLL CALL:           Ayes: Urban, Carelli, Roetman, Norris, Angiello, Johnson**  
**Nays: None**  
**(6 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)**

**COMMUNITY TREE RECOVERY PROGRAM:**

Chairman Carelli stated for Arbor Day, Linda and I received an email from the State and they are giving away up to 1,000 free tree seedlings to towns. We wanted to know what your interest in giving them to residents as part of a program. Vice-Chairman Urban stated the idea is nice but the place on Newark Pompton where the butterfly garden is gave away seedlings at the street fair and they only got maybe five people to take them, I think it would be a waste of resources. Linda Roetman stated she was thinking more like a school project and giving them to the children for a science project for Arbor Day and getting the kids involved. Chairman Carelli stated we could just get the seedlings and give them to the school and not

worry about it. Linda Roetman stated maybe we could have a little something for Arbor Day and they could make posters or projects and we could give them a little more. Denise Johnson stated she thought it was a good idea to get the kids involved. Chairman Carelli stated we could think about and talk about it at the next meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Chairman Carelli stated we are hosting a Borough shredding Day on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. You will see more information about that. We have never hosted a shredding day in this town ever. Chairman Carelli thanked Councilman Oswald for getting the town to pay the fee for the shredder. Councilman Oswald stated they are taking documents, recycling Styrofoam blocks that you get with gifts, batteries, and clothes, textiles. It should be a good day.

Chairman Carelli stated we have a new Borough web-site and the Shade Tree Commission has a new page on the web-site so if any of you come across on trees or the environment or any articles, you can send it to us and it we'll publish it. We also have a new Borough newsletter, so it's digital now and is sent out every Monday morning at 7:00 am, so if you have not, it is at the very bottom of the web-site and you register your email and we are going to have the shredding event on there soon. There was a question on if it could be put on the board in the front of the Borough Hall.

There was a question on the plastic bags and we are getting a lot of plastic bags. People come in every day with bags. We take them to Kohl's and Rob from the DPW calls Michael and he gives me a count and I send the totals to TREX for the benches.

2. Chairman Carelli asked if we heard back on Rick Malanga's property. Linda Roetman stated that he came in for a permit for the removal of the trees, however when the house is removed, and it will take a while for that, he will submit a landscaping plan for the property to the Shade Tree Commission for our approval. At this point everything is in place.

3. Vice-Chairman Urban stated we have a balance on the grant we received. Chairman Carelli stated that Todd Urban got us a very generous grant for trees to plant trees and we spent about a little more than half so we want to purchase more trees for this year and go to residents and say you can email us for a tree. We don't want to use the nursery that we used, we want to use Home Depot because it is cheaper. Chairman Carelli asked Linda Roetman to call Home Depot and ask for an order form or a list of trees and prices. The trees we bought were very expensive, stated Todd Urban. Chairman Carelli stated we know a gentleman at Home Depot. Linda Roetman stated that she spoke to the manager and they were going to give us trees for the Community Center for Arbor Day. Linda stated she would talk to Home Depot about the Community Center and the purchasing of trees for giving to the residents.

We had a lot of people that wanted trees and we still have some left on the list for the next batch of trees we get. Chairman Carelli stated we are hoping to buy some

flowering trees and we're hoping that the Council will let us put trees down the main street here to fill in, not all the way down, but to fill in. We would like to plant trees in the front of the Borough Hall as well.

4. Councilman Oswald asked about the tree at the 69 Newark Pompton. Linda Roetman stated she spoke to the property owner and he told me he resolved it. I told the man who took the tree down and he said he would not touch another tree on anyone else's property. Linda Roetman stated she would talk to Bob Oostdyk for the legalities of our ordinances. There was a discussion about the policies. Councilman Oswald spoke about different scenarios that have taken place, and Linda Roetman stated she was under the impression that we were going to update the ordinances at the beginning of this year, and on the other hand I don't want to do fine people without knowing the legalities of the present ordinances. Linda stated she would talk to Bob Oostdyk tomorrow and send everyone a copy of his answers to the policy questions.

Councilman Oswald spoke about people cutting trees and we should be able to fine them for taking trees down especially on someone else's property. Linda Roetman stated one problem we have is that people feel they are paying taxes on their property and if there is a tree in their yard that they want to remove they should be able to remove it without permission because it is their property and they are paying taxes on their property, and this is the way most people think. That is why we need a policy that is very clear and specific, because the policy that is now in effect gives me nothing to work with. Councilman Oswald stated that is why we have to have laws, we have to have laws for everything, and we have to work on the policy.

Vice-Chairman Urban stated that a committee should come up with a draft and we will bring it to the board and then to the Mayor and Council. Chairman Carelli stated we will do that for the next meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Thereupon Darinda Norris set forth the motion seconded by Denise Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR / Motion Carried**

**Meeting adjourned at: 7:47 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Linda Roetman, Board Secretary**