

**RIVERDALE SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the Riverdale Shade Tree Commission is opening on March 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by publication in the Morris Daily Record and also posted on the bulletin board in the foyer of the Borough Hall. No new testimony will be heard after 9:00 p.m. and the meeting will be adjourned by 9:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Linda Roetman Darinda Norris Annemarie Angiello Denise Johnson Vice-Chairman Todd Urban Chairman Michael Carelli Councilman Matt Oswald
Absent:	Laura Jennings

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 23, 2023

Thereupon Vice-Chairman Todd Urban set forth the motion seconded by Denise Johnson to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2023 meeting as written and submitted.

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

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION:

The Shade Tree applied for a grant for Saplings and it was denied. The plants that were planted last year did not survive the winter. There was a discussion on how to proceed to replace those trees. Home Depot donated trees last year Linda will reach out and see if they would donate again.

PURCHASE OF TREES:

For the Adopt a Tree program 12 trees were purchased and they are all adopted already. There is a waiting list if more trees become available. The DPW will drop

off to the trees to residents. The trees were purchased from Stone House Nursery located at 765 Wyckoff Ave, Wyckoff, NJ in the amount of \$2,425.00.

Thereupon Annemarie Angiello set forth the motion seconded by Denise Johnson to approve the purchased of trees for the Adopt a Tree Program.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was a discussion regarding the Malanga property trees being clear cut down. Chairman Carelli said when he had a conversation with Malanga he was told the board cannot tell him what to do. There was a discussion on AJ's property and the trees that have been cut down. It was suggested to have a Forester approve the tree permits. The Mayor has the ordinance from the Shade Tree to review. Council Liaison Oswald stated scheduling an additional meeting date to potentially have the ordinance approved sooner. Chairman Carelli spoke about 104 Newark Pompton Turnpike there is a very dangerous tree that needs to be cut immediately. There was a discussion on property maintenance going forward. On April 29th at 9:00 AM there will be a ribbon cutting at the community garden. Residents can apply online for the community gardens and will receive a \$10 discount for donating food to the Food Pantry.

ADJOURNMENT:

Thereupon Vice-Chairman Todd Urban set forth the motion seconded by Darinda Norris to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR/Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at: 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Roetman, Board Secretary