

**RIVERDALE SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES
MAY 22, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the Riverdale Shade Tree Commission is opening on May 22, 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 Denise Johnson Chairman Michael Carelli Councilman Matt Oswald
Absent:	Annemarie Angiello Vice-Chairman Todd Urban Laura Jennings

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **March 27, 2023**

Thereupon Darinda Norris set forth the motion seconded by Denise Johnson to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2023 meeting as written and submitted.

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

TREE PLANTING GRANTS:

We received notice from the New Jersey Community Forestry Program that we were looking to apply for trees stated that the grant is a fund for overburdened urban communities with a high diversity background. This is a federal program that we will have to pass on.

There was a discussion on the company that is working on the tree inventory for the town; he is still working on it. It was started in September and should have

been completed in 6 months from when he started. He should be invited to the next meeting to get an update on the progress.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Community Garden ribbon cutting was on May 13th and went very well. There were about 25 people that attended including 4-5 Eagle Scouts. There is only one open space that someone had to back out. Then they planted about 6-7 flowering pear trees up the middle of the walk way.

Chairman Carelli received a notice that are new storm water management rules from the state of New Jersey, it is broken down into Tiers, we would be Tier A you have to adopt a tree removal and replacement ordinance that the state wrote for you. Carelli attached our new ordinance that we want to do and the states ordinance, they are basically the same, the state has a different mitigation schedule. Chairman Carelli stated we have to ask the attorney if the states ordinance can be tweaked. Chairman Carelli stated that we should send out bid for a new Arborist. The process of tree removal should change to make homeowner accountable for replanting trees or paying a fee to the town for the trees to be replanted.

There are two trees left over from the Adopt-A-Tree Program and they are just too large to go by a house. They may go by the ball fields at Independence Park to provide some shade to watch the games.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR/Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Roetman, Board Secretary