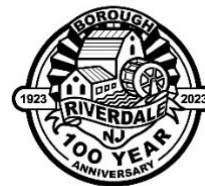


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**RIVERDALE SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

The Regular meeting of the Riverdale Shade Tree commission is opening on November 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Michael Carelli read the Sunshine Law.

ROLL CALL:
Present: Darinda Norris
Annemarie Angiello
Denise Johnson
Doreen Clark
Vice Chairman Todd Urban
Chairman Michael Carelli
Absent: Laura Jennings
Council Liaison Matt Oswald

Thereupon Vice Chairman Todd Urban set forth the motion seconded by Chairman Michael Carelli to excuse the absence of Laura Jennings.

ALL IN FAVOR / MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 22, 2024

Thereupon Chairman Michael Carelli set forth the motion seconded by Vice Chairman Todd Urban to approve to minutes from the July 22, 2024 meeting.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Urban, Angiello, Johnson, Clark**
 Abstained: **Carelli, Norris**
 Nays: **None**
(4 Ayes – 2 Abstained – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

ORDINANCE:

Chairman Carelli wanted to discuss the new ordinance, some homeowners are unaware that a permit is necessary for removing trees, if anyone sees someone cutting a tree down without a permit, we notify the DPW and they will go there to give the homeowner a permit to fill out. Chairman Carelli stated amending the ordinance to include the invasive species.

FORESTER CONTRACT 2025:

Chairman Carelli stated if we could get a proposal from John Linson for the upcoming year.

TREE INVENTORY UPDATE:

Chairman Carelli stated that J.P. Consulting was the original company that started the tree inventory in town. He completed about half of the town and then has not responded to any correspondence. He was paid \$14,000 from a \$20,000 grant that the Borough received for the job that was not completed.

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Chairman Carelli reached out to the NJUCF to report this and see if we could get additional funds towards a new company to do our tree inventory. Chairman Carelli will reach out to the Mayor to get the Borough Attorney involved. They new company worked with the previous owner as a sub and lost all of his inventory information as well. The original company was working in the area up on Route 23. The original company had a binding contract that was adopted at the Council meeting that he now breached.

Thereupon Vice Chairman Todd Urban set forth the motion seconded by Chairman Michael Carelli to focus the tree inventory along the Newark Pompton Turnpike / downtown area.

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

SHADE TREE CLASS RECAP:

The Secretary stated that there were 28 attendees and Jean the speaker gave an interesting lecture that everyone seemed to enjoy and learn from.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Carelli stated that Doreen Clark and himself have worked on the Sustainable Jersey program. For the first time ever, Riverdale received their annual certification of Bronze for 150 points. Ms. Clark went to Atlantic City to accept the award on behalf of the Borough.

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 7:27PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie Colella, Secretary