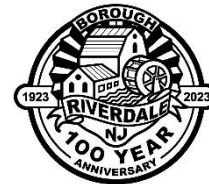


BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Paul M. Carelli
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**RIVERDALE SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES
REORGANIZATION / REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2025**

The Reorganization / Regular meeting of the Riverdale Shade Tree commission is opening on January 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Michael Carelli read the Sunshine Law.

Michael Carelli swore in:

OATH OF OFFICE:

MATT OSWALD (COUNCIL LIAISON)

TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2025

STEPHANIE COLELLA (SECRETARY)

TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2025

ROLL CALL:

Present:

**Annemarie Angiello
Denise Johnson
Doreen Clark
Todd Urban
Michael Carelli
Councilman Matt Oswald**

Absent:

**Darinda Norris
Laura Jennings**

NOMINATIONS ARE HEARD FOR:

1. CHAIRMAN

Thereupon Todd Urban set forth the motion seconded by Annemarie Angiello to nominate Michael Carelli for Chairman, hearing no other nominations the nominations are closed.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Urban, Angiello, Johnson, Clark

Nays: None

(4 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

2. SECRETARY

Thereupon Michael Carelli set forth the motion seconded by Annemarie Angiello to nominate Stephanie Colella for Secretary, hearing no other nominations the nominations are closed.

ALL IN FAVOR / MOTION CARRIED

3. VICE-CHAIRMAN

Thereupon Michael Carelli set forth the motion seconded by Denise Johnson to nominate Todd Urban for Vice Chairman, hearing no other nominations the nominations are closed.

ALL IN FAVOR / MOTION CARRIED

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4. LEGAL NEWSPAPER AND ALTERNATE NEWSPAPER

Thereupon Michael Carelli set forth the motion seconded by Todd Urban to nominate The Morris Daily Record for the legal newspaper and the Suburban Trends for the alternate newspaper, hearing no other nominations the nominations are closed.

ALL IN FAVOR / MOTION CARRIED

5. MEETING NIGHTS AND TIME (7:00 PM):

MONDAY, MARCH 24TH, MONDAY, MAY 19TH, MONDAY, JULY 28TH, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

Thereupon Michael Carelli set forth the motion seconded by Todd Urban to nominate the dates and time for meetings, hearing no other nominations the nominations are closed.

ALL IN FAVOR / MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO CLOSE THE REORGANIZATION PORTION OF THE MEETING AND OPEN THE REGULAR PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Thereupon Michael Carelli set forth the motion seconded by Todd Urban to nominate close the Reorganization portion of the meeting and open the Regular portion of the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR / MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL:

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| Present: | Annemarie Angiello |
| | Denise Johnson |
| | Doreen Clark |
| | Todd Urban |
| | Michael Carelli |
| | Councilman Matt Oswald |
| Absent: | Darinda Norris |
| | Laura Jennings |

Chairman Michael Carelli recognized that Darinda Norris has been a member of the Shade Tree for many years and she is stepping down from being a member, she contributed a lot. Chairman Carelli commends her years of volunteering and efforts on the Commission, she will surely be missed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 25, 2024

Thereupon Annemarie Angiello set forth the motion seconded by Doreen Clark to approve the minutes from November 25, 2024, as written and submitted.

ROLL CALL:

- Ayes: Angiello, Clark, Johnson, Urban, Carelli**
Nays: None
(5 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Carelli stated the Commission would like Councilman Matt Oswald to ask about having a small budget from Council about \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Chairman Carelli stated that the Borough received a grant for repaving North Corporate Drive, there is concern about the trees being removed in the project. Chairman Carelli asked if trees could be included in the project. Councilman Oswald stated he would talk to the Council and Borough Engineer.

Ms. Clark discussed organizing a river clean up this year and planning another shredding date. Ms. Clark stated different ideas for spending the \$2,000 Sustainable New Jersey Grant; working on updating the website and sending out mailers. The Borough was also approved for a \$10,000 Energy Grant the professionals from Colliers Engineering are working on the plan for this grant.

Councilman Matt Oswald asked if there was any progress on the walking path at Independence Park. Chairman Carelli stated that the Engineer filed the necessary permits, hoping by next Spring it will be open. The DEP took over a year to get back to the Borough. The Engineer is waiting on the permit once approved the Shade Tree will come in the look at landscaping and trees for the park.

TREE INVENTORY:

Chairman Carelli stated that he reached out to the state of New Jersey for a grant extension, it was extended until June 30, 2025 to complete the project. Ms. Clark was able to find the portion of the tree inventory that the old company had completed. The new company will complete the portion of the tree inventory that was not done yet. There is enough grant money remaining to complete the tree inventory.

ADJOURNMENT:

Thereupon Vice Chairman Todd Urban set forth the motion seconded by Denise Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR / Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie Colella, Shade Tree Secretary