

**BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

*Paul M. Carelli*  
Mayor

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Registered Municipal  
Clerk



**RIVERDALE SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

The Regular meeting of the Riverdale Shade Tree commission is opening on September 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Michael Carelli read the Sunshine Law.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Annemarie Angiello</b>
	<b>Denise Johnson – 7:22 P.M.</b>
	<b>Doreen Clark</b>
	<b>Mark Johnson – 7:22 P.M.</b>
	<b>Vice Chairman Todd Urban</b>
	<b>Chairman Michael Carelli</b>
	<b>Laura Jennings (Alt. 1) – 7:09 P.M.</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Councilman Matt Oswald</b>

Chairman Carelli set forth the motion seconded by Vice Chairman Urban to excuse Denise Johnson, Mark Johnson and Laura Jennings.  
**ALL IN FAVOR / MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 28, 2025**

Thereupon Vice Chairman Todd Urban set forth the motion seconded by Annemarie Angiello to approve the minutes from July 28, 2025, as written and submitted.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>Urban, Angiello, Clark</b>
<b>Abstained:</b>	<b>Carelli</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>None</b>

**(3 Ayes – 1 Abstained - 0 Nays – Motion Carried)**

**CLEAN-UP DAY:**

Doreen Clark stated that the clean-up day is on October 25<sup>th</sup>, she has been in contact with Steve from the DPW and he will have garbage bags and supplies available to use for the clean-up.

Laura Jennings is in attendance at 7:09 P.M.

There was a sign-up sheet from Riverdale Day for volunteers, a google sign up sheet will be made and emailed out. Chairman Carelli asked if there as anything that could be improved upon from the last time. Angiello stated that they could be more prepared with the areas that

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are going to be cleaned and who is going where to not waste time in the morning. Jennings mentioned weighing the garbage collected to set a goal for future clean up days.

**COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

Chairman Carelli stated that the Community Forestry Management Plan is expiring December 2026. The State of New Jersey stated that there is a Green Communities Grant that is specifically to update the Forestry Plan. The deadline is coming up at the end of October so Chairman Carelli will work on getting that grant approved. We will need John Linson to update the Plan; the Board Secretary will send John an email for a quote.

**TREE INVENTORY:**

Chairman Carelli stated that he sent an email with the deliverables for the tree inventory. The contractor finished the tree inventory, there is a map of the trees in the Borough and shows an interactive map of the trees, if there are any diseases and detailed information. The software does need to be purchased yearly to maintain the membership.

Denise and Mark Johnson are in attendance at 7:22 P.M.

Chairman Carelli stated that a request needs to be put in to add this software to the budget next year, the software is \$4,500 a year. The requirement of the state funding is that it is available on the website to the residents. The discussion continued on the tree inventory.

Denise Johnson stated that she wrote something up regarding what the Shade Tree did at the Labor Day Street Fair. The Board Secretary will distribute to the Mayor and Council.

**COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN:**

The Borough received a \$10,000 grant to fund a consultant to put together an energy plan. It helps the Borough to find ways to become more energy efficient and ties into the Sustainable New Jersey plan.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Board Secretary stated that the Shade Tree Class is being planned for October 29, 2025 and there will be a planting portion with installing deer barrier.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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**Thereupon Vice Chairman Todd Urban set forth the motion seconded by Doreen Clark to adjourn the meeting.**

**ALL IN FAVOR / MOTION CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Stephanie Colella, Board Secretary**