

SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING – REORGANIZATION MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2020

PRESENT:

George Meglio
Victor Fontana
Angelo Urato
Elizabeth Gil
Philip Romero
Dominick Azzolini

ABSENT

Paul Dahl

The Reorganization Meeting of the Shade Tree Commission for January 13, 2020 was opened and called to order at 6:32 PM by Secretary Susan Schulz.

This is our Reorganization Meeting and a motion is necessary to appoint our Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2020.

Motion: Dominick Azzolini, seconded by Angelo Urato named George Meglio as Chairman.

Roll call: All members of the Commission present voted yes.

Motion: Victor Fontana, seconded by Dominick Azzolini named Angelo Urato as Vice-Chairman.

Roll call: All members of the Commission present voted yes.

Chairman Meglio re-capped our 2019 year. He advised 37 trees were planted last year. – 3 white oaks in front of Tommy Tomat's house on Hackensack St. We have missed 3 years of spring plantings & is hoping to get trees planted this spring. George has been working with DPW employee Rich Schulz, who has done a terrific job on trimming trees. There are 2 stumps that need to be removed, Garden St & Marlboro Rd.

George advised that he and Commissioner Romero will be meeting with Borough Administrator Eilert to go over the trees at Wesmont. He will also talk to Administrator Eilert about tree inventory.

Chairman Meglio stated that Arbor Day is April 24th, 2020. He would like to have the Catherine E. Doyle 3rd grade classes come to a tree planting at Triangle Park. Secretary Schulz will check with Mr. Albro.

Chairman Meglio asked Commissioner Gil if she could work on Excel spreadsheet for our tree inventory- if she could have a drop down list. Chairman Meglio & other commissioners can then meet and tweak it. Neglia did a tree inventory on our species in town – we have 17.

Chairmen Meglio advised that he would like to start bringing trees that are native to the Carolina area to Wood-Ridge; Commissioner Gil stated also native to the Country.

A discussion ensued about how we get landscapers to mulch trees correctly. Do we have a list of landscapers, do they need to register with the town? Flyer on the proper technique of mulching & weed whacking was given to members and Commissioner Azzolini advised to put on the Borough Website.

DPW worker, Rich Schulz took Chairman Meglio to Triangle Park - there are 4 trees that have been dedicated with plates from many years ago- one tree had to be taken down-would like to have Arbor Day here.

A discussion ensued about the Holiday Tree - it is dead - has no more years. Cost to replace could be about \$10,000. A suggestion was made to use the Girl Scout Tree.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meglio at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schulz,
Shade Tree Secretary