

**Shade Tree/Environmental Commission  
Beachwood Municipal Complex  
1600 Pinewald Road**

**April 18, 2022 – Minutes  
7:00 PM**

**Call to Order and Flag Salute were led by Chairman Schmidt.**

**Opening Statement:** Ladies and Gentlemen, pursuant to the applicable portions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given. The schedule of this meeting of the Environmental/Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of Beachwood is listed in the notice of meetings posted on the Bulletin Board located in the Municipal Complex Building and delivered to the Asbury Park Press on January 7, 2022.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Maria Bird, Theresa Nielsen, Carl Schmidt

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councilman Zakar, Patricia Zakar, Ellen Harrigan, Colleen Oropeza, Eric Cicerello

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**RESOLUTION #2022-8 Approval of March 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Motion:	Ms. Bird	Second:	Ms. Nielsen
Approve:	All	Oppose:	
Abstain:			

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Community Garden**

Mr. Schmidt reported that the garden is now open. Tarps have been removed and stored in the shed. Gate has been fixed and the water has been turned on. Public Works will be spraying for ticks on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Information will be posted in the shed. Question was raised about offering some garden plots to the Boy and Girl Scouts. Not sure if they would be interested. Another suggestion was having signage in the parking lot indicating where the garden is. Ms. Bird brought pictures of benches as we had discussed having a bench where people could sit under the shade. Councilman Zakar suggested getting in touch with TJ at Plant Operations as he may have some contacts. Mr. Schmidt will reach out to him.

**2. Tree Seedling Giveaway**

Everything is ready for the giveaway scheduled for Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mayo Park from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. 175 tree seedlings will be coming.

3. Girl Scout Recycle Program

Ms. Zakar asked when are we going to reschedule the program. Members discussed and suggested perhaps in the fall. Calendars were reviewed and October 21<sup>st</sup> was selected. Just need to see if Mayo Park Center is available. Mr. Schmidt will check.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:40 PM**

Motion: Ms. Nielsen                      Second: Ms. Bird  
Approve: All                                  Oppose:  
Abstain:

Ms. Harrigan, Ms. Oropeza and Mr. Cicerello joined us this evening. We discussed ways to make the people of Beachwood know that we exist. Discussed was resurrecting the Facebook page and have a Earth Day poster contest with the local schools.

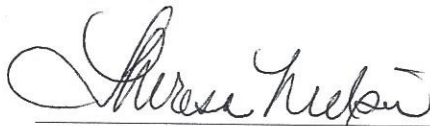
**CLOSE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:58 PM**


Motion: Ms. Bird                              Second: Ms. Nielsen  
Approve: All                                      Oppose:  
Abstain:

**ADJOURNED AT 8:02 PM**

Motion: Ms. Nielsen                          Second: Ms. Bird  
Approve: All                                      Oppose:  
Abstain:

Prepared by: Theresa Nielsen

  
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Theresa Nielsen, Secretary

Attested by:   
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Carl Schmidt, Chairman