

**Environmental Shade Tree Committee
Beachwood Municipal Complex
1600 Pinewald Road**

**December 18, 2023 – 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 9, 2023.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Bird, Ellen Harrigan, Theresa Nielsen, Carl Schmidt

ALSO PRESENT: Pat Burns, Beth Conway, Colleen Oropeza

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

RESOLUTION #2023-15 Approval of November 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ms. Bird

Second: Mr. Schmidt

Approve: All

Oppose:

Abstain:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Community Garden

Garden is now closed. All plots have been tarped and trash has been taken away. Received one request for key refund.

2. 2024 Committee Budget

Mr. Schmidt reported that he received paperwork from the Treasurer and submitted our proposal on December 13, 2023. He will follow up with an email. Members discussed fundraising.

3. Earth Day Poster Contest

Ms. Bird shared with the Members the list of groups for the Beachwood Elementary and Pine Beach Elementary schools. Group 1 will be Kindergarten and 1st Grade; group 2 will be 2nd and 3rd grades and group 3 will be 4th and 5th grades. First prize winners will receive a blue ribbon and gift certificate. Second prize winners will receive a red ribbon and third prize winners will receive a green ribbon. We will need a total of six ribbons for each level. For the first prize winners, six gift certificates will be needed. Members discussed some potential businesses that could potentially donate the gift certificate. Those include Wunder Wiener, Mister Softee, Moores Farm Market, Sundaes, Pies on 9, Sandcastle Diner and Stone Fire Grill. Members reviewed the poster that Ms. Bird created and discussed due dates. Awards are to be presented at the April 17, 2024 Council meeting. Ms. Bird will email the poster to the School Board for approval this week so that hopefully it will be distributed after the school break.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:40 PM

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

Members of the public brought up the following:

Concern for the orange mesh fencing being used by the river. It is secured with zip ties that end up breaking and falling into the river. Garbage can also ended up in the river as it was not secured. Mr. Schmidt responded that this will be referred to Public Works.

Garden limit for 2024 – Mr. Schmidt responded that we would have to wait until we see how many sign up and then additional lots can be assigned.

CLOSE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:55PM

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

Mr. Schmidt presented Ms. Nielsen with a card and thanked her for all her years of service to this committee. She will be sorely missed. Ms. Nielsen thanked everyone and expressed that it was an honor to work with everyone on the different projects and help beautify the town of Beachwood. Best of luck to the committee in the coming year.

ADJOURNED AT 8:02 PM

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

Prepared by: Theresa Nielsen

Theresa Nielsen, Secretary

Attested by: Carl Schmidt
Carl Schmidt, Chairman