

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

**February 21, 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, TJ Wrocklage

ALSO PRESENT: Pat Burns

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

RESOLUTION #2023-5 Approval of January 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ms. Bird

Second: Ms. Harrigan

Approve: All

Oppose:

Abstain:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Community Garden

Mr. Schmidt reported that registration starts March 6th. The garden will open on April 15th. Applications are available at Boro Hall. Once weather is better will start working on updating the garden lots. Question was raised as to how many garden lots are allowed per household. Mr. Schmidt responded that only one (1) per household at this time but additional if they are available which will be open on April 30th is no other takers. Ms. Oropeza sent an updated application and created a map of the garden to be posted on Facebook to the Members for their review.

2. 2023 New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign

Mr. Schmidt reported that he sent the application in and has received an email confirmation. He requested 175 tree seedlings. Mayo Park has been reserved for Friday, April 28th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm for distribution.

3. Girl Scout Recycling Training Class

Mr. Schmidt reported that this is scheduled for Friday, May 12th at Mayo Park from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Ocean County Solid Waste Management is coming to do the presentation.

4. Proposed Addition to Fountain Walkway

Mr. Schmidt brought a copy of the old paver application which the Members reviewed. Waiting to hear back from Barre Monument. Looking for donation of hardscape. Need approval from Council.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:28 PM

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

Ms. Burns asked if she could be a Member of this committee. Mr. Schmidt explained that we are only allowed five (5) Members which we have. If an opening comes available, she could possibly be considered.

Those present discussed how we need to do more to advertise that we have a community garden. We need the sign that was on the fencing put back up. Mr. Wrocklage agreed to assist with that. Also discussed posting pictures on Facebook to gain more interest.

CLOSE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:44PM

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

ADJOURNED AT 7:45 PM

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

Prepared by: Theresa Nielsen



Theresa Nielsen, Secretary

Attested by:



Carl Schmidt, Chairman