

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

**January 23, 2024 - 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 Committee 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 December 23, 2023.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Maria Bird, Pat Burns, Ellen Harrigan, Carl Schmidt

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councilman Zakar

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

**RESOLUTION #2024-1 Selection of Chairman**

**Nomination: Carl Schmidt**

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

**RESOLUTION #2024-2 Selection of Vice Chairman**

**Nomination: Ellen Harrigan**

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

**RESOLUTION #2024-3 Selection of Secretary**

**Nomination: Maria Bird**

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

**RESOLUTION # 2024-4 Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2023 Meeting**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Community Garden**

Chairman Schmidt reported that the registration for the Garden will start March 4<sup>th</sup>.

This date is recorded on the Borough calendar,

Chairman Schmidt stated the replacement of the framing for the remaining plots will be delayed due to the temporary budget constraints recently released in the amount of \$ 150.00. He pointed out we would only be able to do one plot at approximately \$ 80.00. Councilman Zakar said he would talk to the Treasurer about our budget amount. He was informed that we would need approximately \$ 570.00 to complete the plots.

**2. Earth Day Poster Contest**

Ms. Bird reported on progress to date. On December 19, 2023 an email was sent to Ms. Susan Nelson, Assistant Superintendent's Confidential Secretary explaining the Earth Day Poster Contest and requesting permission to distribute the flier to Beachwood and Pine Beach Elementary Schools. Approval for the contest and the distribution was given plus copy sent to the schools. The flier copy was sent by Chairman Schmidt to both school principals on January 8, 2024 with request to provide a total count of students. Pine Beach Elementary provided 394 students and Beachwood Elementary provided 485 students, thus a total of 879.

Ms. Bird was able to contact Gerald LaCrosse in regard to gift certificates from the Wunder Weiner as first prizes. He generously stated he will provide 10 certificates with value of \$ 10 each.

Ms. Bird researched prices of ribbons that could be presented for first, second, and third place winners. She located a package from Michael's of 18 count for \$ 50.74 – colors of blue, red, and white with free shipping. Ellen Harrigan said she would look on Amazon to see if she could find similar items for less monies. Councilman Zakar mentioned he would in another area. Councilman Zakar also mention that a certificate should be created that would be signed by Chairman Schmidt and the Mayor. Ellen Harrigan said she would see what she could develop.

There was discussion on the printing of the fliers to be distributed to the schools. Since printing by outside sources is expensive it was decided the fliers would be in black and white. There would be a few fliers in color provided to the schools for their Facebooks and a color copy provided to Coleen Oropreza to place on our Committee Facebook.

2. Earth Day Poster Contest – Continued  
Chairman Schmidt and Maria Bird volunteered to print the fliers themselves to defray costs.
3. Thank you response from Theresa Nielson  
Chairman Schmidt passed around a thank you card from the Committee's former secretary, Theresa Nielson for the card and gift certificate presented to her.
4. Topics presented by Beth Conway  
Councilman Zakar asked what was done regarding the topics presented by Ellen Conway in her reference to ties and garbage down by the river. Various members explained the young lady's concern about the orange fencing along the boardwalk and its condition with broken ties. It had been mentioned to her to take the issue to Public Works and supply photos as support. She was also concerned about replanting of trees that had deteriorated or had been chopped down in areas. She was informed that this Committee does not replant trees on borough property.  
The Committee rediscussed the orange fence issue near the boardwalk. We will approach Public Works to see what can be done.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2024 New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign  
Chairman Schmidt mentioned he received contact for the 2024 New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign and needs our decision for participation by January 26<sup>th</sup>. He stated we will request a quantity of 125 trees. All agreed that we should participate and the date for the event would be April 26, 2024 from 5 -7 PM at Mayo Park. Chairman Schmidt will submit an application for the Mayo Park rental immediately. Councilman Zakar signed appropriate paperwork to be submitted to the Campaign.
2. Jersey Shore Frontier Girls  
Chairman Schmidt had received an email from Susan Minock, Beachwood Borough Municipal Clerk/Administrator, forwarding an inquiry by Lisa Frassetto, Troop Leader of the Frontier Girls of Beachwood. Ms. Frassetto wanted to know about clean up activities that the girls could participate. Chairman Schmidt said he could recommend our clean up project we have been discussing and extend an invitation to the girls to join us. Chairman Schmidt mentioned he has not heard directly from Ms. Frassetto on further interest.



**NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)**

3. Councilman Zakar – Building and Grounds Request  
Councilman Zakar mentioned he is working with Building and Grounds to find plants that can replace the annual plants such as mums that are used and dug up each year. He requested that our Committee compile a list of perennials that would replenish each year, as well as, have different time period of flourishing. He also asked if Public Works could be contacted for a list of the areas where they do the planting of flowers.
4. Watershed Conference presented by Ellen Harrigan  
Ms. Harrigan had emailed a link for a Watershed Conference to all members. Chairman Schmidt informed the Committee that in looking into the group it was one that dealt mainly with the Delaware River Watershed which is out of our area. He also stated that our Water Department already does all required testing of our water quality and reports it to the public annually.

**OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:55 PM**

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

**CLOSE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:56 PM**

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

**ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM**

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

Prepared by: Maria Bird

Maria Bird  
Maria Bird, Secretary

Attested by: Carl Schmidt  
Carl Schmidt, Chairman