#### Shade Tree/Environmental Committee Beachwood Municipal Complex 1600 Pinewald Road

# **January 24, 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, Eric Cicerello, Colleen Oropeza, Patricia Zakar, Councilman Zakar, MEMBERS EXCUSED: MEMBERS ABSENT:

Members welcomed TJ Wrocklage who will be the Land Use Board representative on our committee. Mr. Wrocklage is the Supervisor at Beachwood Public Works.

### RESOLUTION #2023-1 Selection of Chairman

Nomination: Carl Schmidt

Motion:

Mr. Wrocklage

Second:

Ms. Bird

Approve:

All

Oppose:

Abstain:

## RESOLUTION #2023-2 Selection of Vice Chairman

Nomination: Maria Bird

Motion:

Ms. Harrigan

Second:

Mr. Wrocklage

Approve:

All

Oppose:

Abstain:

RESOLUTION #2023-3 Selection of Secretary

Nomination: Theresa Nielsen

Motion:

Ms. Bird

Second:

Mr. Wrocklage

Approve:

All

Oppose:

Abstain:

# RESOLUTION #2023-4 Approval of December 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Ms. Bird

Second:

Oppose:

Approve: Abstain:

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All

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### 1. Community Garden

Members discussed the use of Facebook to advertise the garden with link to the Beachwood website. Mr. Schmidt reminded Members that the applicant needs to print the application and submit with payment. Ms. Oropeza suggested that we send the information out via the Beachwood e-list. Councilman Zakar responded that there is a minimal amount of people on the e-list. Ms. Oropeza has the Word document with the 2023 dates and will send to the Boro Clerk for posting on the website.

Ms. Harrigan

Members discussed natural deterrents for the groundhog with lavender being one of them. Ms. Bird will check with Del's and Hammett's for plants. We need to decide where to plant them. Mr. Wrocklage reported that Public Works will be spraying for ticks. There is concern that the tick spray will affect the lavender plant. They could spray outside the fence line.

Mr. Cicerello reported that the pallets were dropped off. Mr. Wrocklage reported that the water will be turned on in April.

#### 2. Engraved Pavers

Councilman Zakar reported that he spoke with Mike from Barre Monuments and he wants to meet at the site to see how we want to lay it out.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

2023 New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign
Mr. Schmidt reported that he received an email from the State announcing the 2023 program.
They are having 1,000 trees per municipality available. They will be available between April 4, 2023 to April 28, 2023. Members discussed having the distribution on Friday, April 28th at Mayo Park from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will only request 175 seedlings. Not sure if we may need bags.

#### OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:49 PM

Motion:

Ms. Harrigan

Second:

Ms. Bird

Approve:

All

Oppose:

Abstain:

Girl Scout Recycling Program: Ms. Zakar asked the Members when could we schedule the recycling program. Members discussed perhaps having the program on either May 5th or May 19th which ever night is available at Mayo Park and representative from Ocean County. Ms. Bird will check the calendar at Boro Hall. Mr. Schmidt will check with Ocean County.

Poster Contest: Members felt that at this point we should wait until next year. We will put on the September agenda for discussion.

Fountain: Councilman Zakar went to Barre Monuments to discuss the possibility of doing another walkway at the fountain. Mike at Barre Monuments will check with his supplier on availability and price. In regards to the last walkway, there were some leftover but the money was refunded because there was not enough to do a whole walkway. Mr. Wrocklage spoke about the damage that has been done to the fountain and suggested putting up surveillance cameras/signs. More research to be conducted.

Free Cycle: Ms. Oropeza suggested that during the yard sale that good condition items could be dropped off at a site in town to be donated. Discussion ensued and more research needs to be done.

## **CLOSE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 8:05PM**

Motion:

Ms. Harrigan

Second:

Ms. Nielsen

Approve:

All

Abstain:

Oppose:

#### **ADJOURNED AT 8:09 PM**

Motion:

Ms. Bird

Second:

Ms. Harrigan

Approve:

All

Abstain:

Oppose:

Prepared by: Theresa Nielsen

Theresa Nielsen, Secretary

Attested by:

Carl Schmidt, Chairman