

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

**June 19, 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: Ed Zakar, Councilman, Pat Zakar, Pat Burns, Britta Forsberg, Caitlyn Czajkowski, John Wnek, Kyle – Student Ambassador, Rally for Barnegat Bay

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rally for Barnegat Bay Presentation: Ms. Forsberg along with other members of this initiative reviewed the project's key components and where they are today. Members appreciated the information shared on this worthwhile cause.

RESOLUTION #2023-9 Approval of May 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ms. Bird

Second: Ms. Harrigan

Approve: All

Oppose:

Abstain:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Community Garden

Mr. Schmidt reported that 7 lots have been rented. Ms. Burns reported that she will add more fence on the bottom. She also reported that there has been an animal getting at the plants and she will set traps soon. The front gate is not lining up which poses a problem getting in and out. Hose holder is leaning and needs to be adjusted.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Community Day

Mr. Schmidt reported that it is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th from 12 Noon to 4:00 pm. We will have a usual raffle plus information on recycling, the garden, and composting.

2. Girl Scout Presentation

Ms. Zakar presented a Good Neighbor Award from the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore, Shore Pine Region as a thank you for the Committee's work with the Girl Scouts. Members appreciated the recognition.

OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:51 PM

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

Ms. Zakar asked if we are going to pursue the Earth Day poster contest for the schools in 2024. Members agreed that we should look into it and Ms. Bird will research contacts at the school.

Garden Displays – Ms. Harrigan will email the garden participants to bring pictures of their gardens.

Ms. Burns asked if she could have 2 garden plots to plant vegetables to give to those in need within the community. Motion by Ms. Bird, seconded by Ms. Harrigan to approve this request. Motion carried.

CLOSE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 8:11PM

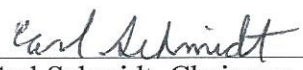
Motion: Ms. Bird Second: Ms. Harrigan
Approve: All Oppose:
Abstain:

ADJOURNED AT 8:12 PM

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

Prepared by: Theresa Nielsen


Theresa Nielsen, Secretary

Attested by: 
Carl Schmidt, Chairman