

**Shade Tree/Environmental Commission
Beachwood Municipal Complex
1600 Pinewald Road**

**November 21, 2022 – 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 7, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councilman Zakar, Colleen Oropeza, Eric Cicerello, Pat Burns, Bailey Sanders, Ambassador, NJ Water Shed for Barnegat Bay

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

RESOLUTION #2022-15 Approval of October 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ms. Bird

Second: Ms. Harrigan

Approve: All

Oppose:

Abstain:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Community Garden

Mr. Schmidt thanked those who helped with the garden cleanup on November 12th. Public Works tarped all the beds and removed the garbage from the cleanup. Public Works will spray for ticks in April and then again 3 months later. Members discussed using Preen on the stone walkways to keep the weeds down. All tools are in good shape. We do need hoses and nozzles for next year. Hoses should be at least 100 feet long or the collapsible style. It was also noted that the gate needs to be fixed.

Mr. Schmidt discussed maintenance of the raised beds as the wood is deteriorating. He presented pricing that he found online. Councilman Zakar suggested checking with TJ at Public Works to see what pricing he could get. The plan is to update 7 beds next spring. Remove the old boards, install new boards, level soil and add soil. The estimated cost would be \$570.06 for all 7 beds. The soil combination would be 60% top soil, 30% mulch and 10% potting soil. Mr. Schmidt reported that Ocean County has mulch that has been tested and sterilized that would be available.

2. Environmental Shade Tree Committee Facebook Page

Mr. Schmidt reported that he is waiting on the Municipal Clerk to get the email address fixed.

3. Land Use Board Representative

Mr. Schmidt reported that TJ, Supervisor with Public Works will join us as the Land Use Board representative after he is sworn in at the January 2023 Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:43 PM

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

Ms. Sanders introduced herself and offered to collaborate on any projects we may have. Her main focus is educating about the Barnegat Bay water shed. Members welcomed Ms. Sanders.

Mr. Cicerello asked about an update on the pavers. Mr. Schmidt to check with Barre Monuments to see if there are extra pavers available. Also, we need to look into finding someone to do the hardscape.

CLOSE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 7:50PM

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

ADJOURNED AT 7:56 PM

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

Prepared by: Theresa Nielsen


Theresa Nielsen, Secretary

Attested by: 
Carl Schmidt, Chairman