

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

**September 19, 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, Carl Schmidt

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councilman Zakar, Coleen Oropeza, Ann & Eric Cicerello

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Theresa Nielsen

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**RESOLUTION #2022-13 Approval of August 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Ms. Bird

Second: Ms. Harrigan

Approve: All

Oppose:

Abstain:

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Community Garden**

Mr. Schmidt stated the Community Garden would close for the year on November 15<sup>th</sup>. All gardeners would be required to clean their lots by that date. The final clean up in order to prepare for tarping would be either November 12<sup>th</sup> or November 19<sup>th</sup>. The final details would be finalized in the next meeting.

A question was asked about the status of the bench project by the Eagle Scout. Edward Zakar stated it was in progress. He explained the Scout needed to compile information that would be sent to Texas for review and approval. He stated he would eventually sign off on the project. An update would be provided by Theresa Nielsen in a future meeting.

Mr. Schmidt stated he would like to push for more stones for the rest of the walkways in the Garden. He would look into this further with Public Works.

2. Community Day

Mr. Schmidt reported that Community Day was a success. It appeared there were more people attending and stopping by our table. A good number of attendees were grateful for the recycling booklets that were available. They also enjoyed the photo display of the garden. Mayor Roma choose the raffle winner who was Derek Britt of Beachwood. Mr. Schmidt thanked Maria Bird, Theresa Nielsen, Ellen Harrigan for their participation throughout the day, as well as, Eric Cicerello for helping with putting the display together and taking it down.

3. Girl Scout Recycling Class

Mr. Schmidt reminded everyone the Girl Scout Recycling Class would take place at Mayo Park on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. He had confirmation from Sandra Blain-Snow, Analyst Trainee, of the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management that our Committee wanted her and her co-worker to present the program. There was discussion regarding the need of a projector for the PowerPoint display. Eric Cicerello did present a projector and it will be inspected for workability.

Edward Zakar reported the Girl Scouts did approve the program and they are in the process of sign up. Mr. Schmidt reminded him the booklet which is the guide for the program contains the new rules with more recyclable items. Mr. Zakar pointed out that Beachwood is pulling a profit from recycling so these programs are valuable education aids. It was pointed out the Beachwood calendar has a section with recycling news and Coleen Oropeza mentioned the Facebook could post recycling news, as well as, provide the Ocean County link.

4. Fund Raiser Clean Up Event sponsored by Save Barnegat Bay Group

Coleen Oropeza reported the Clean Up Event occurred on August 28<sup>th</sup> with herself and Eric Cicerello in attendance with a few other participants. There were bags of items collected that cleaned up the walkway of Railroad Avenue and the off streets that had been designated. Edward Zakar pointed out that it would be a nice annual event to get more residents interested in participating to clean up other areas in town. Eric Cicerello mentioned that the Department of Corrections provides a program to clean communities. Edward Zakar said the Committee should include Robyn Clayton from Public Works to assist with cleaning the community.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Community Garden Application

Coleen Oropeza stated she had made a fillable PDF application but was still working on a digital signature. She would send it to everyone for review.

2. Ideas to promote the Community Garden

Eric Cicerello proposed to send fliers to schools to advertise the garden. Edward Zakar mentioned that the Facebook could promote it more. It was also stated that the website of Beachwoodusa.com could be a potential advertising media. Coleen Oropeza would need to look into adding the Facebook feed to the website portion that included the Environmental Shade Tree Committee.

**Open to the General Public at 7:59 PM**

Motion: Ms. Harrigan

Second: Mrs. Bird

Approve: All

Oppose:

Abstain:

**Closed to the General Public at 8:00 PM**

Motion: Mrs. Bird

Second: Ms. Harrigan

Approve: All

Oppose:

Abstain:

**Adjourned at 8:05 PM**

Motion: Mrs. Bird

Second: Ms. Harrigan

Approve: All

Oppose:

Abstain:

Prepared by: Maria Bird

Maria Bird  
Maria Bird, Vice Chairman

Attested by: Carl Schmidt  
Carl Schmidt, Chairman