



ENVIRONMENTAL/SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES June 10, 2020

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the secretary at 6:30PM via Zoom

Attendance: Diane Allen, Richard Ambrosio, Paul Bagdonov, Joseph W. Halifko III, William Heyniger, Nadia Holzer, Gregory Sharin, Jon Stocum

Attorney: Michael Celli, Esq.

Absent:

Guests: Bernard Haney, Leanne Hoffman, Stella Vera-Garza, Rachel Dash, Dr. Dongyan Mu
Dr. Daniela Shebitz, Bridget Neary, Stacie Ferrara

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approved May 13th meeting minutes, Motion to approve Mr. Halifko III; Ms. Holzer-all in favor.
2. Oath of office; Paul Bagdonov, alt. 2 two year term expiring December 31, 2021
3. Tree Inventory postponed until 2021 due to budget (COVID-19)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Accept the resignation of Beth Miller
2. Mayor Robert Lane appointed Mr. Ambrosio to Chairperson. Motion to approve Mr. Heyniger
Second Mr. Halifko III-all in favor
3. Mr. Ambrosio recommended he will focus on Environmental and requested a volunteer to focus on Shade Tree; Mr. Heyniger accepted shade tree-all in favor.

PLANS/APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

1. None

DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATION

1. Kean University spring project presentation on vacant parcel located at 101 S. Riverside Dr. was presented by Ms. Stella Vera-Garza and Ms. Rachel Dash. Main Goal for the installation of a Coastal Resilience Park.
Objective 1: Create a Rain Garden, Bios wale and Berm
Objective 2: Create a Pollinator Garden and remove invasive plants & trees; including concrete
Objective 3: Create Recreational Open Space; top soil and compost for grass, picnic tables benches, trash cans, dog waste system and handicap accessibility matts
2. Autumn tree planting project; Sunshine fields skate park tree planting of 4 Allegheny service berry
3. Saturday, June 13th annual free tree seedling give-a-way. Confirmed volunteer to assist 9am-12pm
4. Stacie Ferrara Neptune School District requested high school environmental class get involved.
5. NJDEP free bare root seedling give-a-way scheduled for Saturday June 13th and June 20th

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes submitted by Christopher Bedrosian