



ENVIRONMENTAL/SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES November 8th, 2023

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the vice chairperson at 6:30 pm.

- Attendance:** Richard Ambrosio, Dian Allen, Patrick Gilliam, Will Heyniger
Riona Parola, Rachel Weston, Gregory Sharin
- Attorney:** Michael Celli, Esq.
- Absent:** Joseph W Halikfo, III, Nadia Holzer, Paul Bagdonov,
- Guest:** Joyce Klein, Luisa Paster, Sandra McKinley, Jim Allen

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approve November 9th, 2023, meeting minutes – all in favor.
2. 2023 NJUCF Stewardship grant clarification of details required for grant questions from NJDEP division of state parks forests and historic site completed emailed to board members absent from meeting, final review in December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2023 Community Management accreditation status has been completed.

PLANS/APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

1. None.

DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATION

1. Permission memo granting permission for citizen board members to drive personal vehicles in Township of Neptune Parks to plant, seed, water, prune, and mulch trees, rain gardens and wildflowers they planted. Tree species signs will not be made by Neptune DPW.
2. Mr. Gilliam suggestions regarding the Arboretum on Heck Ave discussion for 2024 construction of small wildflower garden at corner of Heck Ave and Doremus Way. Northern Red Oak to be moved to a more sustainable area. Callery Pear tree removal; plant another tree in place.
3. Ocean Grove homeowner’s association Green Committee desire to get involved with the commission “get the Grove back in Ocean Grove.” Focus on planting more trees in the Parks, newly constructed Fletcher Lake walk-way, grass strips. Construction of rain gardens and focus on public awareness of the importance of trees and plants for our environment.
4. Ms. Mc Kinley has drafted a rough draft resolution for citizen board members focusing on her concerns of climate change issues, public awareness to plant more trees, focus on electric cars. Neptune can be a model for fighting climate change.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm - All in favor.
Minutes submitted by Christopher Bedrosian