

MIDDLESEX SHADE TREE COMMISSION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
7:30 P.M.
RECREATION CENTER
1400 MOUNTAIN AVENUE
MIDDLESEX, NJ

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bond with the following statement:

“This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law in that the requirements of the Law have been met by the Annual Meeting Notice being forwarded to the Courier News and posted in the Municipal Building of the Borough and on the Borough Website on December 8, 2020, amended October 15, 2021 and filed in accordance with the law.”

2. Roll Call:

Jason Bond, Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Gorman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Killian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Ryan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin Quinn, Council Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Meeting opened to the public – public recognized – public portion of meeting closed.
4. Acceptance of the October 14, 2021 Shade Tree Meeting Minutes
5. Acceptance of the Finance Report for October, 2021
6. Communications:

10/20 14 Center Place – Branch from tree fell on a car and did damage. Resident would like Commission to look to see if the tree should be removed or pruned.

10/22 107 Melrose Avenue – Resident reported that the tree on the Mohawk Avenue side is dead.

10/25 12 Rutgers Lane – Resident concerned of the dead branches that are falling and request that the tree be trimmed.

10/26 440 Cook Avenue – A big part of the tree fell into the street and resident feels that the rest of the tree is unsafe.

11/2 501 Decatur Avenue – Resident reported branch fell and damaged car. Chairman went out to look at tree and reported some bacterial leaf scorch and would like tree removed.

11/3 138 Vogel Place – Resident reported that the sidewalk is being lifted by the tree roots.

11/4 125 South Woodland Avenue – Resident requested that the tree in front of her property be trimmed.

11/4 322 Melrose Avenue – Resident reported 2 ash trees are in front of this property.

7. Work Agenda

8. Unfinished Business

1. RFP for Tree Inventory – Mr. Johnson
2. Tree Management Plan Renewal – Update from J. Bond/Paul Cowey
3. Potential Ordinance Amendment – Allowing residents to request Shade Tree approval to remove shade trees and for them to pay for the removal
4. Update on dedication of property on Raritan Avenue as a tree arboretum – Councilman Quinn

9. New Business

1. Update on remaining budget for 2021
2. Review of Updated Plans from JLUB for Mountain/Wood Avenue Project – (10/20 email)
3. Tree Care Plan
4. Review of JLUB - Plans for 700 South Avenue (11/9 Paper only)
5. Review of JLUB – Plans for Veolia ES Technical Solutions (Paper only)
6. Review of JLUB – Plans for 534 Drake Avenue – Buccellato (Paper only)
7. Quotes for Tree Planting

10. Adjournment