

Township of Lopatcong  
Shade Tree Commission  
Reorganization and Regular Meeting  
7:00 pm

April 4, 2024

Chairwoman Robyn George called the meeting to order followed by a moment of silence and Oath of Allegiance.

Chairwoman George stated “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of the meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Ledger and The Express-Times and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building”.

Roll Call: Member George, Vice-Chair Blackwood, Chairwoman George.

**Business:**

**Ordinance** – Confused to the ordinance change if it is mandatory. Vice-chairman Blackwood said he thought it was recommendations. Member George felt the same; guidance but not mandatory. Trees need to be replaced whether on private or public property noted Chairwoman George. Trees removed also need a permit.

**Arbor Day** – Arbor Day is the 26<sup>th</sup>. Saplings need to be planted along the creek on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the middle school parking lot from Buckley Hill to Stonehenge. Chairwoman George will reach out to Mr. Kish to see if he wants to participate with the Scouts. There are about two dozen trees to be planted.

**Earth Day** – Street cleanup is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. Gloves, vests and bags and sticks with nails are supplies necessary for the day. Home Depot will donate supplies. North Strykers, Baltimore between Red School and Strykers will be the areas to be cleaned. Lopatcong Creek Initiative will be contacted. Start time will be 10:00 am.

**Green Infrastructure** – It’s all about stormwater management. Five classes awards the Green Infrastructure Champion Certificate.

**Public Comment:** No public in attendance.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Vice-Chair Blackwood, seconded by Member George. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Recording Secretary