

Township of Jackson
Shade Tree Commission
Meeting of
February 6, 2023
MINUTES

Shade Tree Commission meeting was called to order by Dave Ossowski at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Flag Salute.

Announced compliance with Open Public Meeting Act.

Roll Call

	PRESENT:	ABSENT:	EXCUSED:
Chairman			Steve Chisholm
Vice Chair	Mordechai Gottlieb (7:05 pm) Joseph Aufiero Mike McCabe		
	Dave Ossowski Linda Yostpile Dominick Pensabene, CME Associates Tree Specialist / Forester Shari Spero, CME Associates Tree Specialist / Forester Kathleen Sevcenko, Secretary		William Schaap

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the **January 9, 2023** meeting made by D. Ossowski, second by J. Aufiero
Commission Vote: J. Aufiero, L. Yostpile, D. Ossowski, M. Gottlieb, M. McCabe – Ayes

Tree Specialist / Forester's Report:

Tree Removal Permits - See below

C/O Approvals – None

Reviews/Site visits

Bais Yaakov of Jackson, Inc

Block 1560 Lots 2 and 6; Block 15701 Lot 15

245 East Veterans Highway Review plans for construction of 4 private schools. Proposed site consists of open fields, tree rows and a wooded parcel.

WB Ocean 26, LLC

Block 1102 Lot 24.02 1020

Farmingdale Road at intersection with Pfister Rd Review plans for construction of 3 private schools. Proposed site consists of open fields with tree rows.

Jackson Self-Storage

Block 21103 Lots 1-3, 18-20

Review tree fence installation, issue permit. Also, discussed tree removal with land clearer.

Highview Court

Block 7001 Lots 18.03 & 18.12

New street off Valley Road (near Bethel Church intersection) Site visit and meeting with developer to review additional clearing required for construction of House #2 and #3. Tagged a few trees to remain on lots. Also, required replacement trees by c/o approval.

Jackson Woods Section 2, Southeast

Block 4101 Lot 20.02

Freehold Road, near W Fish Road intersection Site visit and meeting to walk clearing limit for new section. Tagged additional trees that should remain at limit of disturbance. Affordable housing agreement for this site does not allow for collecting of tree removal fees.

Misc. Ash Tree Survey – Field work is currently in progress. Google Street inventory continues for all streets within 2 years of being driven (if we feel we have to go check one tree here or there, we will). Approximately 45% of streets have been inventoried. 430 trees have been inventoried and collected in the iTree program.

NJUCF Annual Accomplishment Report – Due Feb. 15 In progress. Need additional information.

Tree City USA Application – Due Feb. 15 In progress. Need additional information.

Shari Spero discussed her detailed notes on the Bais Yaakov and WB Ocean 26 LLC projects. Ms. Spero also noted that the Ordinance has no maximum fee for residential, but carries a maximum fee of \$2500 for Commercial / Industrial.

Motion to approve Tree Specialist Report made by M. McCabe, second by J. Aufiero
Vote: D. Ossowski, J. Aufiero, M. Gottlieb, L. Yostpile, M. McCabe– Ayes

Residential Permit Inspections –

29 permits were issued for January 2023. Report was reviewed.

Motion to approve Residential Permit Inspections made by D. Ossowski, second by M. McCabe

Vote: D. Ossowski, J. Aufiero, M. Gottlieb, L. Yostpile, M. McCabe, – Ayes

CSIP Grant – No news. (Ash Tree Survey is 45% complete) Date has been extended to 12/31/24

Old Business**Arbor Day 2023**

Plantings – Plans are for three trees to replace the seven trees removed on the island near the Soccer Fields and replaced with Hackberry. Selected existing trees will be mulched.

Plant Health Care

Dave Ossowski reports that Ash Trees continue to be destroyed by the Eastern Ash Borer. Evergreens, White Pine, Arborvitae, etc. are dying, possibly due to the drought / environmental factors.

CFMP - 5 Year Checklist - Keeping up with the checklist items. Still no response from the Forest Fire personnel as of this date. The State has advised that the 5 Year Plan has been extended for one year.

Escrow Account - Tabled.

Payment of \$34,000 was received for the Rte. 571 & Goetz Lane fine where 288 trees were removed w/o farmland assessment.

New Business –

Ordinance Revisions – Chapter 29 is missing pages on the Township Website.

Public – None

Bills – Motion to pay all bills made by J. Aufiero, second by D. Ossowski
Vote: D. Ossowski, J. Aufiero, M. McCabe, L. Yostpile, M. Gottlieb – Ayes

Correspondence – None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:50 pm by M. McCabe, second by J. Aufiero
Vote: D. Ossowski, J. Aufiero, M. McCabe, L. Yostpile, M. Gottlieb– Ayes

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Kathleen Sevckenko, Secretary

**** NEXT MEETING – March 13, 2023****
In the CAA TRAILER