

MIDDLESEX SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
REMOTE MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020  
7:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
1200 MOUNTAIN AVENUE  
MIDDLESEX, NJ

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**AGENDA**

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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 Meeting Notice being forwarded to the Courier News and posted in the Municipal Building of the Borough on May 11, 2020 and filed in accordance with the law.”

2. Roll Call:

Jason Bond, Chairman  
Dan Gitler  
Jim Gorman  
Sean Johnson  
Jeff Killian  
Doug Rex, Representative

  
  
  
  
  
  

3. Meeting opened to the public – public recognized – public portion of meeting closed.
4. Acceptance of the June 11, 2020 Shade Tree Meeting Minutes
5. Acceptance of the Finance Report for June, July & August, 2020
6. Communications:
  1. 6/17 132 Walnut Street – Resident indicated there is a dead tree between the sidewalk and curb and it is dropping branches.
  2. 7/6 434 Clinton avenue – Resident requested that Shade Tree look at the tree for potential issues.
  3. 7/6 433 Fairview Avenue – Resident requested information if this is a borough tree and would like it removed or trimmed. (June 30 email)

4. 7/6 79 Ramsey Road – Resident indicated that tree on the side of the driveway is dead.
5. 7/10 26 Mead Avenue – Resident requested that the three trees on the left side of the house have branches that have fallen on neighbor's car and would like the tree assessed by Shade Tree.
6. 7/10 312 Ambrose Ave. – Mr. Hoxie would like the shade tree to check the sugar maple in front of his property that is dying.
7. 7/13 529 Edgeworth Street – Ms. Comer requested that the Shade Tree Commission look at her tree in front of her property as it dead and she would like it removed. (Jason has report)
8. 7/13 316 Raphael Ave. – Resident report fallen branch that hit his car and he has submitted a claim form. The pictures were emailed to all STC members.
9. 7/13 81 Louis Ave. – Resident requested that the tree in front of her property be trimmed.
10. 7/14 560 Cook Avenue – Resident requested tree to be removed. (See letter)
11. 7/21 207 Walnut Street – Resident reported that a branch above cable wire is infested with carpenter ants.
12. 7/22 303 Maple Street - Resident requested pruning of his tree. (Mr. Bond has view this tree).
13. 7/22 832 W. Second Street – DPW removed a big lead that had broken and would like shade tree to look to see if the remainder of the tree is hollow.
14. 7/22 512 Howard Avenue – DPW reported long hanging branches in front of this property.
15. 7/22 440 Cook Avenue – DPW reported long hanging branches in front of this property.
16. 7/31 405 Giles Avenue – Resident would like Shade Tree to look at the rotten spots on the tree in front of property and it seems to have a lot of loose branches.
17. 8/5 339 Lorraine Avenue – Resident requested that shade tree relook at the tree in front of her property that has a lot of dead branches.
18. 8/5 639 Cook Avenue – resident requested that after the storm and the branches that fell, should would like the commission to prune the tree in front of her property.

19. 8/7 101 Grandview Street – Tree at the corner of Grandview Street and Fairfield has several dead branches and resident indicates it appears unstable. (Tree closest to driveway).
  20. 8/7 710 Pershing Avenue – Resident feels that tree in front of property is dead.
  21. 8/10 312 Ambrose Ave. – Resident reported that the sugar maple in front of his property is dying and would like a commissioner look at it.
  22. 8/18 121 Jay Place – Resident would like shade tree to look at this tree to see if it needs to be pruned or removed.
  23. 8/18 280/282 Lincoln Boulevard – Resident would like Shade Tree look at their tree to see if anything is needed.
  24. 8/18 210 Appian Avenue – Resident requested that Shade Tree look at the tree in front of property to see if anything is needed.
  25. 317 Lorraine Ave. – Resident would like Shade Tree to look at the tree on the corner of Lorraine Avenue and Howard Avenue.
  26. 501 Wellington Ave. – Resident requested that the Shade Tree look at the two trees in front of their property to see if anything is needed.
  27. 08/24 201 Chestnut Street – Resident concerned about tree that needs trimming and uprooting the sidewalk.
  28. 8/25 702 Cook Ave. – Resident would like commissioners to check her tree to see if it is healthy as the bark keeps falling off the tree.
  29. 8/31 443 Runyon Avenue – Ms. Struck Smith requested someone look at the trees on her property with branches falling (pictures emailed on 8/31)
  30. 8/31 520 Walnut St. – Resident requested that her tree be trimmed.
  31. 8/31 342 First Street – Resident requested that the Commission look at this tree as it dropped a 4” branch and feels something needs to be done with this tree.
  32. 9/3 206 Walnut Street – Resident requested that the low hanging branches on the tree in front of her property be trimmed.
7. Work Agenda
  8. Unfinished Business
    - A. Fall Planting/Arbor Day Tree – Mauger School
  9. New Business

## 10. Adjournment