



Franklin Township Shade Tree Commission

Somerset County, New Jersey



Meeting agenda for April 27, 2023



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- 1. Call to order in accordance with the NJ Open Public Meeting Act**
(aka the sunshine law) NJSA 10:4-6(1973)
- 2. Shade Tree Commission Members Roll Call**
- 3. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Approve March meeting minutes as emailed to Commission members.
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Review Township Financial Report (Review Only / Approval Not Required)
- 5. Commission administration:**
 - a. Volunteer hours tracking – March Meeting 2 Hours
- 6. First opening of meeting to the public**
- 7. Old business / Updates:**
 - a. Committees and commissions:**
 - i. Franklin Twp council updates – Mr. Vassanella
 - ii. Environmental commission (AS)
 - iii. Open space advisory (ML)
 - iv. Sustainable jersey (ML / SM)
 - v. DPW (CF)
 - b. Planning**
 - i. Franklin Twp U&CFM plan – update on Green Communities grant assistance.
 - ii. Landscape guidelines for development applications:
 1. Recommended deciduous trees list
 2. Recommended coniferous trees list
 - iii. Hazardous Tree Maps / Inventory
 - c. Tree Maintenance and Projects:**
 - i. Planting Trees, Watering, and Maintenance by the DPW
 - ii. Hamilton street
 - iii. JFK Blvd Tree Survey
 - d. Public information / education / events / community outreach projects**
 - i. Arbor day 2023 / Proclamation
 - ii. Big and heritage trees in Franklin Township
 - iii. Franklin Times and NIXLE e-blasts
 - iv. Annual tree sale 2024 – planning update.
 - v. Franklin Day 2023
- 8. New business**
- 9. Second opening of the meeting to the public**
- 10. Dendrology & General Discussion Items**
- 11. Adjourn**
 - a. Next meeting Thursday, May 25, 2023 – Just before Memorial Day