



Franklin Township Shade Tree Commission

Somerset County, New Jersey

Meeting agenda for September 28, 2023



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 July meeting minutes, when emailed to Commission members.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Review Township Financial Reports
5. **Commission administration:**
 - a. Volunteer hours tracking – July 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 Updates (CF)
 - b. **Planning**
 - i. Franklin Twp U&CFM plan – Status of Requests / State Report
 - ii. Landscape guidelines for development applications: Recommended evergreen trees list.
 - iii. Hazardous Tree Maps / Inventory – DPW updates
 - c. **Tree Maintenance and Projects:**
 - i. Updates from Township / Hamilton St (SG)
 - ii. Memorial Forest Planning
 - d. **Public information / education / events / community outreach projects**
 - i. Franklin Times Article (Fall)
 - ii. Big and heritage trees in Franklin Township
 - iii. Annual tree sale 2024 – Program Update
 - iv. Franklin Day 2023 Report (DR)
8. **New business**
 - a. TBD
9. **Second opening of the meeting to the public**
10. **Dendrology & General Discussion Items**
 - a. Soil compaction and impact on tree survival
11. **Adjourn**
 - a. Next meeting Thursday, October 26, 2023



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