

SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

BOROUGH OF MATAWAN

May 11, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Magee
Matthew Schoffel
Ray Stuetz
Guy Buckel
Sue Patla

ABSENT: Councilman Brian Livesey

GUEST: Sally Stikwell
Barbara Bowser
Paul Renner

The May 11, 2023 meeting started at 5:30 P.M. Ray Stuetz approved the minutes of April 13, 2023 and Matthew Schoffel second.

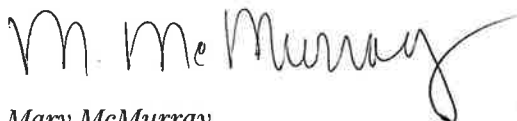
Matawan Borough celebrated Arbor Day on April 29, 2023. The winners of the poster contest attended and received a gift card and certificate. The winners also named a tree that will be planted. The name of the tree goes on a plaque with the contest winner's name too.

Matthew Schoffel mentioned moving forward next month with the grant for tree inventory. Ordinance changes will be June 2023 for the Shade Tree Commission.

The Shade Tree Commission wants to educate the public and landscaping companies about Volcano mulching. Volcano mulching occurs when a thick layer of mulch is laid around a tree and piled up against the base of the trunk covering the bark and root flare, resembling a volcano. This practice is a tree killer and is highly discouraged because it kills the tree.

Sue Patla motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. and Larry Magee second. The next meeting will be June 15, 2023 in the conference room at MMCC, 201 Broad Street at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary McMurray
Secretary