

**RAMSEY SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Ramsey Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Mr. Melso at 7:31 p.m., Thursday, July 15, 2021. Also present were Mr. Englishman, Ms. Geist, Mr. Martone, Mr. McMahon, Commission members, Mr. Geist, Board Attorney, Mr. Kilman, Council Liaison (by telephone), Mr. Trouf, Coordinator, and Mrs. Dey, Secretary. Mr. Beltramini, Mr. Gubala, Mr. Rutkowski, and Mr. Schumacher were absent.

Mr. Melso announced that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of New Jersey. Public notice of this meeting was initially published in the legal ads section of the BERGEN RECORD and the RIDGEWOOD NEWS on Friday, December 25, 2020, and updated on Friday, June 11, 2021 (BERGEN RECORD) and Friday, June 18, 2021 (RIDGEWOOD NEWS).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Melso led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Englishman, the minutes of the June 17, 2021 meeting were unanimously accepted as received.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Englishman passed around samples of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Ms. Geist asked about the clear-cutting at Lake Street and the Route 17S ramp. The work is being done for drainage. No one was certain about what else will be done at the site.

Mr. Martone and Mr. McMahon reported that the gator bags on the trees which were planted last year have become brittle and compromised and they are removing them, along with any stakes, from the trees. This year's gator bags will be removed and then stored at the borough garage.

Mr. McMahon noted that trees on Woodland Avenue, East Oak Street, and West Oak Street have been trimmed and elevated. Two pin oaks were lost at the municipal pool.

Mr. McMahon shared a mailing which he had received from Monster Tree of northern New Jersey.

Mr. Martone went to 63 Manor Drive where they wanted to remove some trees. Since they want to remove more than six, they will be getting a tree removal application.

Mr. Melso distributed information about the spotted lanternfly from the newspaper.

Mr. Melso reminded everyone that the trees which are part of the bid cannot be changed.

Mr. McMahon would like all members of the Shade Tree Commission to receive the bi-monthly shade tree newsletter. Currently five members receive it at a cost of \$95. Each additional subscription would be \$25.

Mr. Englishman would like the area by the duck pond on Lake Street cleaned up. Two trees have been taken down, a sassafras and a maple. Mr. Kilman will reach out to the DPW regarding the area.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Planning Board minutes-June 15, 2021

Site plan for 66 Route 17N (Lincoln of Ramsey), Block 5504, Lot 2  
(Olive Garden will be razed, to be replaced by the Lincoln dealership)

**TREE REMOVAL APPLICATIONS-None**

**SITE PLAN REVIEW-None**

**TREE REMOVAL PERMIT VIOLATIONS-None**

### LANDSCAPING PLAN REVIEW

**M&M Supplies, 61 Grant Street, Block 3607, Lot 7**

Tom Lind, 752 White Birch Road, Washington Township, New Jersey, was available via telephone. He had submitted the required revisions to his landscape plan. There is thirty percent greenspace, and the back area will be seeded, not mulched. Upon motion by Mr. Martone, seconded by Mr. McMahon, the submitted plan was unanimously approved.

Mr. Lind will wait until the fall to plant.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Beltramini				X
Mr. Gubala				X
Mr. Martone	X			
Mr. McMahon, Vice-Chairman	X			
Mr. Rutkowski				X
Mr. Schumacher				X
Mr. Melso, Chairman	X			
Ms. Geist, Alt. 1	X			
Mr. Englishman, Alt. 2	X			

**Peach Hill Condos, Block 4001, Lot 16.01**

Mr. McMahon has taken the lead on this project. Blue Meadow Farms Landscape Architects, Franklin Lakes has been hired to complete the project: Dan Muller is the project's landscape architect. A plan should be ready within the next two weeks. About ten to twelve trees need to be replanted. Part of the issue is that over the years many of the original trees have been removed and replaced but the replacement trees are not on a landscape plan. Mr. McMahon noted that if nothing is done by the August meeting, the issue should be returned to the attorneys.

**PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION STATUS-None**

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION STATUS-None**

**RESIDENTIAL SITE INSPECTIONS**

All trees must be marked and there must be a decision about what to do with the stumps. Chris Fix is under contract until April, 2022. He is finishing up work order #5.

Work Order #6

**75 East Oak Street**-Two trees will be removed, and twenty trees will be elevated.

**56 Sauna Road**-The tree will be removed.

**Addison Place (Regency Park entrance)**-The tree will be elevated.

**30 Elbert Street**-The tree will be removed. The dead wood will be trimmed in Green Acres.

**59 Lake Street**-The tree will be removed.

**109 Sherwood Drive**-The tree will be removed.

**311 East Crescent Avenue (Cranberry Court side)**-The tree will be elevated, especially on the house side over the vegetable garden.

**6 Deer Trail North**-The tree will be removed.

**10 Lillian Court**-The tree will be removed.

**60 North Spruce Street**-Three trees will be elevated and the dead wood will be removed.

**99 Island Avenue**-The tree will be elevated.

**124 Summit Avenue**-The tree will be elevated, and two oaks will be pruned.

**71 Cherry Lane**-One tree will be removed and one tree will be elevated and pruned.

### COMMERCIAL SITE INSPECTIONS

Regarding **900 Route 17N, Block 4702, Lot 1.01**, two telephone calls were received, one from the landscaper who had spoken with “someone named Len” and the other from Naomi Sarna, the owner of the property. Both individuals indicated that they are having difficulty getting estimates. Mr. McMahon called Len DiTomaso, who had developed a landscaping plan for the site, but he has not heard back from him.

Mr. Gubala had reviewed the plans from the 1980s for **Sal’s Pizza, 71 West Main Street, Block 2308, Lot 3**, and the owner was not in compliance with that original landscape plan. Mr. Gubala discussed the landscaping with the owner and the site was cleaned up. However, no new plantings have been installed. A letter will be sent, and they will be requested to attend the July meeting.

Regarding both **The Store, 160 East Main Street, Block 4903, Lot 7**, and **Quick Chek, 40 Route 17N, Block 5504, Lot 3**, Mr. Trouf sent e-mails, but no responses were received. He followed up with certified letters to both businesses.

Mr. Melso heard from the property manager at Triangle Plaza. The owner has approved everything which was suggested by Mr. McMahon and Mr. Melso during a walk of the property. Mr. Melso asked Mr. Trouf to contact Orange and Rockland about a broken light pole on the site.

Lincoln Plaza, 875 Route 17S, Block 4701, Lot 5

Pepe Boys, 755 Route 17S, Block 4704, Lot 14

**OLD BUSINESS**-None

### NEW BUSINESS

Since Orange and Rockland has been involved a lot under the wires, a list will be generated of those sites. That list will be given to the new O&R arborist so that a couple of jobs utilizing a crane can be done in one day.

The color used to mark trees will be changed to white. The paint which Mr. Trouf has will be used up first.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**-None

Mr. McMahon announced that the Public Comment portion of the meeting would last approximately five minutes per person.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Martone, seconded by Mr. McMahon, and carried unanimously.