

**RAMSEY SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Ramsey Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Mr. Melso at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 15, 2019. Also present were Mr. Beltramini, Ms. Geist, Mr. Gubala, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Rutkowski, Commission members, Mr. Geist, Board Attorney, Mr. Kilman, Council Liaison, Mr. Trouf, Coordinator, and Mrs. Dey, Secretary. Mr. Englishman, Mr. Martone, 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 published in the legal ads section of the BERGEN RECORD on Saturday, December 8, 2018 and the RIDGEWOOD NEWS on Friday, December 14, 2018.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Melso led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Beltramini, the minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting were unanimously accepted as received.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

The dead trees at the ramp on to Route 17S have been taken care of.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Minutes-  
Planning Board-July 2, 2019

Also received and filed were:

1. Planning Board resolutions from the July 2, 2019 meeting

**TREE REMOVAL PERMIT HEARING-None**

**SITE PLAN REVIEW**

**Bank of America, 76 East Main Street**

Brightview Enterprise Solutions had been retained by Bank of America. Orlando Feliciano of Brightview had presented the landscape plan. Since there are some lighting decisions which need to be made, the landscape plan has been put on hold and will be ongoing until the final inspections are made.

**Konica Minolta, 101 Williams Drive, Block 3902, Lot 2**

Mr. McMahon has been in touch with Marshall Fox. The exterior will be finished in August. Site plan work should begin in mid-September. This plan is ongoing until completion.

**TREE REMOVAL PERMIT VIOLATIONS****Corner of Biscayne Drive and East Crescent Avenue**

Four trees were taken out by Mr. Dean and four trees should be going in. A permanent certificate of occupancy will not be issued by the borough's building department until the builder meets all of the Shade Tree requirements and the trees are planted. Mr. Melso noted that the houses have not been sold.

**LANDSCAPING PLAN REVIEW****Ramsey Lumber, 575 Island Road, Block 3801, Lot 1**

Regarding the Ramsey Lumber site, Mr. Trouf contacted Newcastle to determine who is responsible for the landscaping. Ramsey Lumber is the property owner and would be responsible for the maintenance of the landscaping. Newcastle is the tenant. Right now, they are using the site for storage. The sprinkler system needs to be updated. The landscape plan on file is from 2009/2010.

**50 South Franklin Turnpike, Block 5001, Lot 69**

Harvey Young, 268 Valley Boulevard, Woodridge, New Jersey, property manager, and Kevin Irani, representing the property owners, were present to discuss the property. Mr. Young summarized the water issue which had been rectified through the French drains and also the corrected fire violations. There were numerous issues with the front of the building and work began without coming before the Shade Tree Commission. Borough Engineer D'Agostaro issued the permit for the front sidewalk. The new sidewalk will be concrete, the steps will be slate, and handrails will be installed. There currently are two telephone poles in front, one of which needs to be removed once the lines are moved to the new pole. If there is no movement of the lines and no removal of the second pole, a half-moon sidewalk may be put in. The majority of the landscaping will be grass along with Armstrong maples, boxwoods, spirea, Quonset cherry trees, dogwoods, and ornamental grasses. They would like to do the plantings in September and October so as not to miss the 2019 planting season. There is an island in the back with plantings which will be worked on later. The irrigation on site is probably not usable and will be replaced by drippers. Upon motion by Mr. Gubala, seconded by Mr. Beltramini, the landscape plan was unanimously approved, subject to the completion of the sidewalk and the

stone hardscape and insertion of the e-mailed plant specimens on to the drawings. Those completed plans will be given to Mr. Trouf.

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

### **125 Lakeside Drive/Ramsey Country Club**

Richard Reimer, the property owner at 125 Lakeside Drive, and Aurelian Anghelusiu, the general manager of the Ramsey Golf and Country Club, have not yet come to a mutually acceptable agreement. They expect to attend the September meeting.

### **Ramsey Invest LLC, 70 Hilltop Road, Block 3702, Lot 4**

A visit needs to be made with a drawing in hand. Mr. Beltramini and Mr. Gubala will walk the site. The dead junipers need to be removed.

### **LANDSCAPE BOND REVIEW-None**

### **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. The Commissioners were reminded to keep up with their residential inspections since everything is currently up to date.

### **Work order #6---**

**1 Gertzen Road**-Drop the dead tree behind the house.

**15 Farmington Court**-Remove the maple which is rotted at the base; grind the stump.

**36 Joshua Drive**-Remove two trees; grind the stumps for new plantings.

**299 Momar Drive**-Elevate and prune the dead branches on the marked trees.

**196 North Spruce Street**-Elevate and prune the dead branches.

**191 Momar Drive**-The dead tree at the end of Catalpa Avenue is marked.

**26 North Street**-Remove two trees; trim the dead wood from two other trees.

**504 Wyckoff Avenue**-Trim the dead wood on Sycamore Court, next to the fire hydrant.

**263 Davidson Avenue**- Remove the tree marked with an X.

**6 Arrowhead Court**-Drop three trees behind the house on borough property.

**107 West Main Street**-Remove the dead tree on the Cherry Lane side.

**22 Sauna Road**-Trim the dead wood on three trees; remove the tree marked with an X.

**8 Stony Brook Court**-A borough tree is blocking a streetlight and resident's lamp post.

**23 Swan Street**-Remove the dead wood.

**331 Norman Drive**-Remove the dead wood from the tree left of the driveway.

**24 New England Drive**- Remove two trees marked with an X.

**37 Elm Avenue**-Remove the dead tree.

**195 South Central Avenue**-Elevate and prune the Pin Oak.

**20 Bonnieview Terrace**-Grind the stump.

## **COMMERCIAL SITE INSPECTIONS**

The "Green Thumb" award winners will be decided upon shortly.

The Lexus site on Route 17 is missing a tree on the side. There is also a dead oak in the line of trees in the front which needs to be replaced. Mr. Trouf will send a letter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Beltramini asked about the agreement which the Shade Tree Commission had with the Country Club regarding the edges of their ponds to counteract erosion problems. He noted that some of the trees have been lollipopped.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Since some residents do not want trees, there are openings for eight trees. Mr. Trouf has started a list. Mr. Beltramini will check with the resident at 280 West Oak Street. The trees will be planted at the end of September/beginning of October.

Regarding CEUs, nine are needed each year and Mr. Melso has already earned three. There is an upcoming class in Riverdale which will earn four CEUs; the borough will pay the fee for the class.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-None**

Mr. Melso 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 8:48 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Beltramini, seconded by Mr. Gubala, and carried unanimously.

