

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY



**SHADE TREE COMMISSION AGENDA**

April 15,, 2024

In Person at the Conference Room at 880 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona  
**IN PERSON or VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Via the internet, please click the link below to join the meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/95500877750>

Via telephone, please dial 1(312)626-6799 or 1(646)558-8656

Use Zoom Meeting ID: 955-0087-7750, when prompted for a Participant ID, press #

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

*The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting of the Verona Shade Tree Commission being held both in-person in the Conference Room at the Verona Community Center and via Zoom video conferencing. Specifically, the time and date were included in the Annual meeting notice. This information, along with the public internet link and telephone call-in information was posted in the Municipal Buildings, and sent to the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger, at least 48 hours preceding the start time of this meeting. A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda and instructions on how to comment will be provided at the appropriate time. All meetings are recorded. Those wishing to speak during any public comment period need to only provide their name and municipality. Street addresses are not required. Please be advised that should a member of the public choose to state their street address, it will not be redacted.*

**B. ROLL CALL**

Members: Prout, Ryan, Jacobs, Thomas, Conboy

Alternates:

Council Representative: Councilperson Christine McGrath

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Any member of the public wishing to address the commission, please state your full name and township of residence. On Zoom please raise your virtual hand, on the phone press \*9.*

**D. CORRESPONDENCE**

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** March 11, 2024

**F. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. BACKYARD FORESTRY IN 90 MINUTES**

Every Third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*"Backyard Forestry in 90 Minutes" (BYF) is a free educational program series sponsored by NJ Forestry Association, State Forestry Services & Rutgers Cooperative Extension. The program, now online, takes place on the THIRD Thursday of every month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. CEUs available on our YouTube Channel.*

2. Everett field plans: No updates

3. Derwent Ave update: No changes

4. Balston Neighborhood trees: no changes

5. Tree Work completed from DPW report : no updates since Nov  
reccs
6. Arbor Day Event, April 27, Liberty Field, two evergreen trees planted, VBSL  
involved, 11:00 am
7. Tree City application approved, first since 2020
6. Capital budget request :awaiting response
7. Creation of 501c3 Friends of Verona Trees, recruiting additional board members
8. Recruit Alternates, members of the public

**G BUDGET**  
**H. ADJOURNMENT**