

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY



SHADE TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

March 11, 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 #

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 Jan 8, 2024

F. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G.

1. Reorganization: chair, secretary

2. BACKYARD FORESTRY IN 90 MINUTES

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

Next Program: Thursday, March 21st | 7-8:30PM

"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.

3. Everett field plans

- a. [Meeting Notes Everett Jan 29, 2024](#)

4. Set priorities for 2024

Meeting with DPW and town managers

[Notes re:Jan 19, STC, DPW, Town managers](#)

5. Derwent Ave update; previous plan to plant on resident yard is abandoned, trees will go in the planting strip

6.. Tree Work completed from DPW report

7.. Balston Neighborhood trees recs

[Recommendations Balston, Windemere, Whitney 2024](#)

8.. Arbor Day Event, April 27, Liberty Field, two evergreen trees planted, VBSL involved

6. Capital budget request occurred (You Tube Feb 26 1:09) \$3000 + \$75,000 this year

7. Probable creation of 501c3 Friends of Verona Trees, recruiting board members

8. Recruit Alternates, members of the public

G BUDGET
H. ADJOURNMENT