

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY



SHADE TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

May 13, 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 March 11, 2024, April 15

F. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Everett field plans: No updates

3. Derwent Ave update: Trees planted, water/mulch cards status

4. Balston Neighborhood trees: trees down, Remember to request a new tree letter delivered

5. Tree Work completed from DPW report :

Lynwood and Cypress received replacements

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

involved

7. Capital budget request: \$50,000 this year

8. Gathering quotes for Windshield Survey, priority maintenance work will come from this report

9. Creation of 501c3 Friends of Verona Trees and Gardens,

10. Recruit Alternates, members of the public

11..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.

12. CEUs: CArol, Val, Ira recorded

13. Private tree education brochure

14. Resident Requests

G BUDGET
H. ADJOURNMENT