

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY



SHADE TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

September 9, 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 : emails from residents

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES July , June

F. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Tree Work completed from DPW report :

2. Update on how DPW prioritizes work

3. Windshield survey 2024 completed. 2019 Survey updated.

Priority maintenance work will come from this report.

4. How we should report what we find: <https://www.veronanj.org/treemaintenance>

5. Private tree education brochure , NJSTF

Which and how can we distribute it to residents?

These are all nice and easy to understand/ graphics are very accurate, this is the webpage with all the available homeowner informational leaflets published by ISA: [Tree Owner Information](#)"

The specific document on tree risk is online here: [Recognizing Tree Risk](#)"

5. Resident Requests: Available on Verona STC emails, DPW is very responsive to residents

6. Recruit Alternates, members of the public

7.. CEU's complete

8.. Creation of 501c3 Friends of Verona Trees ongoing

G BUDGET

J. Muscara "As of right now, I have added into the Capital plan from 2025 through 2029 an annual amount of \$75,000.00 for shade tree maintenance and planting.

The 6 year Capital plan will be updated annually as part of the budget process. These numbers may change based on administration and council requests."

H. ADJOURNMENT

NB:.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.