

## ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, February 1, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee was held on the above date and time with the following members present: Chairperson Wendy Margolis and Joe Frederick. Also present were Mayor Strouse and Borough Manager John Davis.

**Minutes** of the October 2017 Committee meeting were approved.

John presented a draft ordinance updating the Borough's ordinances governing shade trees. Current ordinances regulate tree removal permits and the Shade Tree Commission itself. Among the changes include a refinement of the definition of street trees, clarification of responsibilities when street trees and sidewalks conflict, and new procedures for both emergency and hazard trees. After discussion, the Committee decided not to include a registration requirement for tree contractors. With one suggested change involving the layout of Section 106, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend that Council advertise the ordinance.

John next updated the Committee on the status of the sale of the Borough house in Chapman Park. The Staff are currently developing a master plan for the subdivision and the adjacent Fanny Chapman parking lot. John will update the Committee on the progress.

Under **New Business**, Wendy requested that Staff give consideration to the installation of public charging stations for electric vehicles. John reported that the Borough was about to come into possession of such a station and would report back with some suggestions for deployment.

Wendy asked that consideration be given to using the vacant lot adjacent to the Public Works yard for a second community garden. John will talk to the Public Works Director and report

**Adjourned** at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Davis  
Borough Manager

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