

BOROUGH OF WEST CAPE MAY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2022 @ 6 PM

West Cape May Borough Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Borough of West Cape May Shade Tree Commission was called to order by Wayne Hoffman at 6:00 PM. This meeting is held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was sent to the Star and Wave and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Borough Hall, 732 Broadway, West Cape May, NJ.

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE

Members present: Lisa Bernstein, Dave Hammond, Susan Hoffman, Wayne Hoffman, Bill McCray, Matt Notch, Barry Sullivan, and Harry Schmidt. Bill Oetinger was excused.

Others present: Peter Burke, Dan Kurkowski, Bill Brady, Bill Causy, and Doug Carnes

Wayne Hoffman led those present in the salute to the flag.

The location of the Strawberry Festival was discussed. Members of the Shade Tree Commission and members of the West Cape May Business Association discussed the pros and cons of the two festival locations, Wilbraham Park, and The Backyard Park.

In August 2021, the Shade Tree Commission made the decision to hold future festivals in the Backyard Park. This decision was communicated to the West Cape May Business Association that same month. Since that time, the commission has invested more than \$6,500 in needed improvements to Wilbraham Park.

The West Cape May Business Association value the Wilbraham Park location because of the visibility and the foot traffic overflow it provides.

After hearing the various options Wayne Hoffman suggested that a compromise position could be that we let Wilbraham Park “rest” for 2022 and have the Strawberry Festival return to the park in 2023.

To that end, Barry Sullivan made the following motion:

The Strawberry Festival will be held at the Backyard Park for 2022. In 2023 the Strawberry Festival can be held in Wilbraham Park, assuming there are no State restrictions (covid, etc), and after the event the Shade Tree Commission along with the West Cape May Business Association will evaluate the effect on the park to determine the venue for future year(s).

Bill McCray seconded, and the motion passed with Dave Hammond abstaining.