

**Shade Tree Commission
Demarest Borough Hall
7:00PM**

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Linda Cetta opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the following announcement: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting and notice of regular meeting was posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to The Record and was filed with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Demarest on January 23, 2026.

1. **Roll Call:** Present, Linda Cetta, Norman NG, Maureen Neville, Faye Sloan, Ted Alevrontas, and Council Liaison Adam Collins. Absent Kathy Kobylarz and Dimitri Gatanas
2. **Minutes:** Motion to accept minutes from May 14, 2026. was made by Ted Alevrontas second Norman NG, all were in favor.
3. **Old Business:** Budgets were discussed Linda Cetta accredited the amount in the Trust is due to the collection of violations by the Property Maintenance Official. Stelfox update, Council Liaison Adam Collins reported the project was completed, the resident that was to receive 3 trees denied them upon planting. The trees were planted in other parts of Borough Property. Norman NG and Faye Sloan contacted via email Councilwoman Carmeli with questions regarding changes to the current ordinance. Council Liaison Collins will follow up with Councilwoman Carmeli. Linda Cetta reported that the Opt-In program was successful. Norman NG composed a confirmation letter to the resident's requesting trees in the Fall. Linda Cetta and Maureen Neville purchased prizes to award the winners of the Nature Center Contest.
4. **New Business:** County Road School, Faye Sloan will meet with the principal to discuss future tree planting on the school grounds. Linda Cetta and Norman NG have plans to speak with the principal at NVD to continue the planting on Knickerbocker Rd. Linda Cetta submitted suggestions to the Grant writer such as planting a butterfly garden near CRS. Linda Cetta adds, "This is the 2nd time the ST Commission is attempting to apply for a grant.
5. A motion to open to the public was made by Ted Alevrontas and 2nd by Linda Cetta. Mr. Ray Cywinski questioned the Commission if the Borough is seeking reimbursement for a county tree that was removed. Linda Cetta replied she believes so. ~~Linda Cetta is closed to the public.~~ A motion to close the meeting was made by Ted Alevrontas, 2nd by Fay Sloan, all were in favor

Respectfully Submitted, Lee Campbell Shade Tree Commission Secretary