

SHADE TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

March 9, 2026

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
CALL VCC AT (973) 857-4830,**

If the VCC is closed there will be no meeting.

In Person at the Conference Room at 880 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona
5:00pm regular meeting

IN PERSON or VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

<https://zoom.us/j/95500877750>

Use Zoom Meeting ID: 955-0087-7750

A. CALL TO ORDER–SEE BOTTOM

B. ROLL CALL

Members: Prout, Ryan, Jacobs, Thomas, Tamasik
Alternates: Conboy, Rutherford
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: [February 9, 2026 Minutes](#)

F. BUDGET UPDATES [shade tree.pdf](#) [capital budget 2025.pdf](#)

G. NEW and UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Community Forestry Management Plan update
- NCS grant proposal update
- [Meeting with DPW agenda](#)
- Status of ESRI software. Updating inventory as work is completed
- Schools project update
- Arbor day activities: Neighborhood Forestry VPL, Schools, others??
- We all need to complete the security training
- Badges update
- Liaisons

- We will need to compile an updated list of Street Tree Recommendations for Verona using the following resources (I will have copies of #2-6)
 - [NJSTF Manual](#) Interesting resource (26 pages)
 - [NJSTF Recommended Trees](#)
 - [V STC 2025 Street Tree Recommendations](#)
 - [Utility Friendly trees](#)
 - [Urban Tolerant Trees NJTF](#)
 - [PSEG Right Tree, Right Place](#)

H. ADJOURNMENT

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