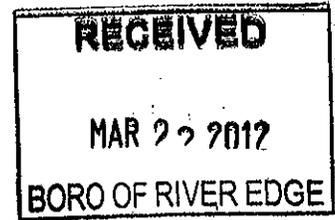


**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
February 16, 2012**



Under the Sunshine Law "adequate notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 2011 to the The Record and The Ridgewood newspaper, by positioning on the bulletin board in the lobby in the Borough Hall and filing a Notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk.

Commencement 7:04 PM

Roll Call

Liz Stewart
Jennifer Dougherty
Margot Pohl
Charlie Amorese
Henry Semmler
Jim Bieber

Absent

Liz Anievas
Kathleen Murphy, Councilwoman Liaison

Residents

Mr. Chuck Ehrlich 822 5th Avenue

Residents concerns

Concerned about his sidewalk being lifted and repairing it again and spoke of the damage from the October storm. The STC will visit the site and update the resident.

Budget Update

The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of setting up a bond for three years to plant trees. This was proposed because we have not planted trees funded by the municipality in over 3 years. We need to follow up and see if this was discussed again at a budget meeting.

Open Space

We requested that if monies were going to be re-allocated we would like to put a request in for tree planting.

Management Accomplishment Report

The Accomplishment report is due 2/15/12 and we were just informed they are extending this by one month.

Construction and Development

list: Carr
WS
CC: M & C
All Depts _____
Other _____
_____ 3/22/12
File _____
Follow _____

PSE&G – town line clearing has started, in the process of with meeting with contractors when permits are received. Since we are meeting with the crews we have noticed a positive difference compared to surrounding towns. We are still waiting for confirmation for stump grinding and replacement funds for the trees on Adams Avenue.

Planning Board Plans

We reviewed plans for 230 Kinderkamack Road. Bill Comery is one of the landscape coordinators of this project.

Tree Protection and Replacement Ordinance

The First Reading of the Ordinance was read on Monday February 6, 2012 and passed. The second reading is scheduled for February 21, 2012 at 8:00 pm.

Correspondence

The STC NJSTF membership card arrived.
An information article was sent to the Town News and The Patch.

Projects

Tree tagging in the parks – started on the NE side of Memorial Park about 50 trees were tagged. Discussed how we are losing many of our older trees and the need to plant. When weather permits this project will start up again.

Work orders are up to date.

On going work – checking voice mail and filing.

Other

Work order update.
Trees pending planting, to date 621 sites, this includes the October storm.

Training Update

On February 16, 2012 Liz, Henry and Jennifer attended a lecture on “Vibrant Communities and Urban Forests” in Glen Rock. The focus of the lecture was on the importance of Trees for storm water runoff.

BCSTL – Arnie mentioned they are looking into setting up a meeting soon.

DPW

They are behind on tree work since a Tree Crew member is on light duty. We are informing resident’s work may take longer to complete. Non-emergency pruning will be completed during regular pruning schedule by voting district.

Adjournment: 9:00PM

Next Meeting March 15, 2012