

STC Minutes 2/18/16

Under the Sunshine Law "Adequate Notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December, 2015 to THE RECORD and THE RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPER, by positioning on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall, and filing a Notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk

Commencement 7:00pm

- Roll call: Jennifer Dougherty, Margot Pohl, Henry Semmler, Charlie Amorese, liz stewart
- Approved minutes from January

Open to public: Naltaner, 165 Adams Ave: concerns over re-doing driveway and walkway. Resident feels roots from town trees will be damaged and would like a letter saying it is ok to do the work. A tree inspection will be done and the owner will be notified of protection needed for trees.

Budget Update:

- Waiting on approvals
- Open Space Budget pending
- CSIP grant is due 4/16

Construction/Development:

- # 32 Bonds on file, 3 settled.
 - One pending – Quality Construction failed to submit bond, followed up with Building Dept.
- 223 Mohawk (Grenz)– request to remove tree for driveway was discussed. Owner will be given a permit to remove tree at their own expense.
- New plans: for 185 Wayne & 223 Madison: sent Construction Bond Permit to Zoning Dept.
- Reach out to Zoning and Building Depts about Shade Tree Policies during construction.

Correspondence:

- Pending Violation notice for 608 5th ave., 19 Coles Ct. & 5th Ave
- Seedlings from State for Arbor Day – submitted form 2/11/16

Meeting & training update:

- Dumont Shade Tree speaker – Monday 3/7/16 at 7:30pm – Global Climate, Local Effects – 1.5 CEU's
- RESTC provided 8 CEU's for Rutherford STC from 2015 meeting

Other:

- 274 & 278 Oak: Inquire about remedy for stream areas behind houses.
- Sustainable NJ recertification for Green Team: due June 2016
- Tree City USA due 2/15/16 – Jennifer working on
- PSE&G: filled out permits to do town-wide 4yr pruning cycle. Probably start date in February 2016.
- PSE&G meeting 2/29/16 – re: update to pruning standards on transmission lines to sub-station
- Liz Anievas can no longer check STC messages. Jennifer said she will start checking them. There was a short discussion moving forward of looking into a secretary to handle the ever increasing office work the STC volunteers have taken on.

Tree Planting 2016:

- Next inspection from state due from 2014 planting once weather permits– submitted for stakes to be removed by DPW. Rich Leopold will be the state inspector

On-going Projects/5-year plan:

- 2015 – Management Plan – Paul Cowie working on – need to submit PO?
- Revise STC brochure & on-line form for residents– Jim looking into.

DPW update:

- Townwide tree pruning continues and workorders are being completed within 30 days in many cases, weather permitting.

Education to submit with minutes:

- **Year-to-day**

- Workorder – 7
- Trees pending planting to date: 1386 vacant spots
- Stump list to date: 231 sites (2015 list out to contractor) 4,512” – 3,201” current work = 1,311” remaining from 2015 (1,311” x 3.28/in = \$4,300) (\$5,000 budgeted 2015 + \$5,100 from Alan = \$10,000 total)

Ajournment 8:45p

*** next meeting date Thurs. 3/17/16 at 7pm***