

**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
February 28, 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 7:08 PM

Roll Call

Jennifer Dougherty
Margot Pohl
Jim Bieber
Liz Anievas
Liz Stewart

Kathleen Murphy, Councilwoman Liaison
Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Absent

Henry Semmler
Charlie Amorese

Budget Update

We submitted our 2013 budget request.
Additional funds were requested this year to update our current Tree Files Software that has not been update since 2002.

Open Space

We presented our request at the meeting; there is an estimated amount of \$143,765.21 to be distributed in the Open Space Fund

Estimate awards should be finalized next week.

The tennis court request from the STC and the Recreation Commission will only cover the plantings \$4,500 the council will not approve Open Space for the removals.

The Recreation Commission requested to set up a meeting with all departments to discuss an Open Space Master Plan, the Shade Tree Commission thought it would be beneficial so we can educate new council members how the departments worked on projects in the past and what are future plans are.

Tree Protection Ordinance

Protection Ordinance Amending Chapter 384

A revision of the ordinance was passed regarding the wording for the Trust Other Escrow Account.

Need to confirm the web site has been updated with permit and amended ordinance.

Green Team

Sustainable NJ application was approved.

PSE&G Pending Legislation

Assembly, No. 3736

State of New Jersey

215th Legislature

Introduced February 7, 2013

Assemblywoman Amy H. Handlin

District 13

Assemblyman Scott T. Rumana

***Requires electric public utilities to undertake vegetation management practices near power lines.**

Pending, resolution against the bill

NJ Federation meeting Tuesday March 12 follow up.

Take over Shade Trees

Shade Tree has no recourse,

PSE&G hosted a program on planting the right tree at Bergen Community College

The River Edge Shade Tree Commission did not receive an invitation and in the article published it stated that local municipalities were invited to attend the program.

Tree Farm - Haworth Tree Farm

Pot in Pot method

It was mentioned that Vito Acquafredda was working on guidelines for a tree nursery farm

Liz showed Haworth plans and pictures.

Budget Update

Donation from 119 Adams

Discussed sharing files through a Drop Box - Jim will follow up on this.

Projects

Tree Tagging in the Parks

Would like to complete this project by the end of the summer of 2013.

Arbor Day

Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday April 28, 2013. Margot will contact the schools regarding their celebration times.

DPW Update

55 municipalities trees were lost from Tropical Super Storm Sandy.

Gypsum was put down this week on twenty trees located by the library, Elm Ave., Continental and the ditch for over salting.

Pesticides, over use can be detrimental to the trees, need to follow on their current procedures.

Resident

Mr. Whitter

135 Valley – Bass Wood fell during Sandy

Monday Night February 25 attended Mayor and Council

Requesting that a tree be evaluate behind his house

Mr. Whitter did not contact The Shade Tree regarding these trees. Their neighbor at 131 Valley was the one who contacted us and we evaluated and spoke with him.

135 Valley Road Mark Widder

Will evaluate his tree on Sunday March 3, 2013 and will speak to him if he is home.

Discussed Stump Grinder shared service, will look into more details.

Status of work in progress

Work order update – 11 ytd

Trees pending planning – 636 ytd

Stump list – 310 ytd

Adjournment: 9:00 PM|

Next Meeting: March 21, 2013