

**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
December 17, 2015**

Under the Sunshine Law "adequate notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 2014 to 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

Jennifer Dougherty

Margot Pohl

Liz Stewart

Charlie Amorese

Jim Bieber

Absent

Liz Anievas

Kathleen Murphy, Coucilwoman Liason

Henry Schmitter.

Roll Call & November minutes have been approved.

Budget

Submitted the remainder PO's for 2015

Open Space Hearing has been schedule for February 1, 2016.

Violation notice – We have not received responses to the listed violations, the borough attorney will follow up with a letter - 608 5th, 895 5th, 19 Coles Court.

Construction Development

32 Bonds are on file and 3 have been settled.

314 Van Saun Dr. – new bond for 3 trees.

1 pending bond – Quality Construction failed to submit a bond, need to follow up.

River Edge Crossing project – need to review status of trees in order for them to close the project.

Meeting Update

Sidewalk meeting – discussions are still going on. Alan is going to get estimates on cost to repair curbs/sidewalks and set funds aside in the 2016 budget that will be on a case by case basis.

274 & 278 Oak Avenue, discussions on tree removal. The commission wants to gather all the facts since it seems protocol was not followed.

Tree Planting

Final inspection for the Grant Tree Planting is in January need to verify date and availability.

On-going Projects

2015 Management Plan – grant has been approved by the state, information will be sent to Paul Cowie.

Need to revise STC Brochure – Jim is working on this.

On-line form for residents to fill out – Jim is working on this.

DPW Update

Town wide Tree pruning continues and work orders are being completed within 30 days in many cases; weather permitting

Year to date

252 Work Orders

1279 vacant spots for planting

229 sites plus 2015 sites that are out to the contractor – stump list

Adjournment: 8:15 PM

Next Meeting: January 21, 2016