

## **STC MINUTES 2/19/15**

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 of the Borough Hall, and filing a Notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk

Start: 7pm

- Roll call: present: Charlie Amorese, Jim Bieber, Jennifer Dougherty, Margot Pohl, Henry Semler, liz stewart  
Absent: Liz Anievas, Councilwoman Murphy
- Approve minutes from January – all approve

### **Budget**

- 2015 Open Space Budget submitted & approved. \$150 added for Tree Farm
- Waiting on final numbers for 2015 Budget Requests
- Submit paperwork to State for partial 2014 CSIP grant reimbursement

### **Construction/Development:**

- # 33 Bonds on file
- Howland Ave paving 1<sup>st</sup> phase: As per Rob Costa money for 7 trees to be deposited in Shade Tree Escrow. (\$400 each X 7= \$2,800)

### **Correspondence:**

- Review phone message and suggested changes by Stephanie
- Adding STC email to website. Discussed how to handle checking emails. Will add a form for residents to fill out so that we make sure we get the correct information. This will give residents more information about process.

### **Meeting & training update:**

- Bergen County Shade Tree meeting has been rescheduled 2X due to weather and is now postponed.

### **Other:**

- TreeFiles updated on new computer. Learning the new system to enter data. This program is not as easy to use as previous one. Arborist did training session and will be available to do more.
- Arbor Day: will start planning

### **Tree Planting 2015:**

- Will get estimates out for Tennis Court planting. Still planning on May planting date weather permitting.

### **On-going Projects/5-year plan:**

- 2015 – Management Plan ends. Need to submit for grant to do 2016-2020 5-yr plan. This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> 5yr plan. Paul Cowie will work on with us.

### **DPW update:**

- Reminder about not using pesticides around trees and in the stream by the Tennis Courts. This area was planted with soil erosion plants intended to keep the stream bank from eroding. They look like weeds to the untrained eye but are valuable and were intended to be there.
- Gypsum for salt needs to be placed around trees once snow melts. STC members to do this in March.
- Stump grinding – DPW not interested in training staff to operate a machine due to safety. Will need to go out for estimates as usual. With the limited budget we will continue to be significantly behind. A large number of resident complaints are due to stumps.

End: 8:15pm

\*\*\* next meeting date Thurs. 3/19/15 at 7pm\*\*\*