

**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
February 16, 2017**

Under the Sunshine Law "adequate notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 23, 2016 to The Record and The Ridgewood newspaper, by positioning on the bulletin 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 Sewart, Jennifer Dougherty, Margot Pohl, Henry Semmler, Charlie Amorese, Jim Bieber & Nancy Chiang . Resident 291 Manning Alan Hogan.

Absent Councilman Papleo

Resident 291 Manning Alan Hogan. Issue with roots in the sewer line and receipt was provided. The ash tree was evaluated and the Ash tree had unexplained damage, looked to be done by a power drill. Tree is in poor condition and will be marked for removal and we explained the time frame for stump removal.

Budget

Open Space – Public hearing for Open Space - February 21, 2017. Request was submitted to Alan February 13, 2017.

Stump List - Gave current pending stump list to Alan Negreann and John Lynch as was requested by New Milford..

Grant - Green Communities Grant – Received final reimbursement.

Part Time Secretary Proposal - 12/5/16 6pm Personnel Sub Committee meeting discussed proposal. Jennifer went and sat outside the meeting and was available for questions. We have not received an update from the meeting. Need to follow up with our liaison.

2017 Budget – A supplement detailing our budget was sent for distribution since budget meetings were not being held.

Violations:

Construction Development

380 The Fenway –letter send certified mail and received confirmation 2/1/17 re: forfeit of bond for 1 tree = \$2,016.27 for damage to town tree directly related to construction. Resolution - to go through M&C.

Plans for McDonald's – STC request submitted to building department, bond six trees on Elizabeth and plant two on Main street.

5th Ave North of Midland – sidewalk/curb grant, DPW proposed 6 trees removed and replaced with 16 trees, STC 7-8, replace 23. Need to follow up with Rob Costa.

1068 Main Street – 7-11 Property \$800 Donation for two trees.

Correspondence & Misc.

New Liaison: Councilman Papaleo

Tree City USA application – electronically submitted on 2/15/17.

Management Plan – electronically submitted on 2/15/17.

Member proposal – Elizabeth Anievas resigned on 1/25/17. Nancy Chiang resident of 25 Madison Avenue is being recommended for the position.

Emerald Ash Borer Preventative Program – Need an update from the Riverside Cooperative.

Website updates –

Meeting and Training

Emerald Ash Borer Educational Program – Friday March 17th (1p-3p) at James McFaul Environmental Center. 2 CEU's +/- DPW credit.

Core Training Class is being offered at Rutgers on April 8, 2017.

Projects

Arbor Day – Friday April 28, 2017. Need to confirm celebration dates with three schools and order 500 seedlings. Contact boy/girl scouts to distribute seedlings.

DPW

Arboretum sign – put a request in to clean.

Town wide pruning continues and work orders are being completed within 30 days, weather permitting.

Year to date numbers

Work orders – 2017 – 8

Pending tree planting sites – #s need to be updated

Stump list - #s need to be updated

Adjournment: 8:50 PM

Next Meeting: March 16, 2017