

**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
January 21, 2016**

Under the Sunshine Law “adequate notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 2015 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 7:03 PM

Roll Call

Jennifer Dougherty
Margot Pohl
Liz Stewart
Henry Semmler
Charlie Amorese

Absent

Liz Anievas
Kathleen Murphy, Councilwoman Liaison
Jim Bieber

Roll Call & minutes have been approved.

Budget Update

Waiting for budget approval.
Open Space Hearing February 1 at 8pm and requests need to be submitted by January 28th. Reviewed request.

Construction Development

32 Bonds on file and 3 have been settled.
314 Van Saun Drive – new bond
Quality Construction – need to follow up on a bond that was not filed.

Development

River Edge Crossing – the contractor submitted funds to our escrow account in lieu of re planting. The Shade Tree portion of the account is now closed. Plating for this site will take place with our town wide planting this year.

125 Kinderkamack Road – reviewed new plans.

Correspondence

Pending violation notice for 608 5th Avenue, 19 Coles Ct. & 5th Avenue. Need to follow up with the town attorney since we have not received any updates.

Meeting updates & Misc.

223 Mohawk -- driveway widening project, we did not have enough information to make a decision.

We have not received any updates on the sidewalk program status.

274 & 278 Oak Avenue -- STC/DPW need to review the proceedings for evaluating and removing trees that are located in the stream behind residence homes to the Mayor and Council.

Sustainable NJ re certification for Green Team is due June 2016.

Tree City USA and the Management Plan is due February 15, 2016.

PSE&G -- permits have been filed out for they town wide four year pruning cycle. Work will start approximately in February. Prior to starting the project a meeting will be set up to review guidelines.

Tree Planting and Projects

2014 CSIP Planting Project -- final inspection will be completed as soon as weather permits. Stake removals have been submitted to the DPW.

Projects

2015 Management Plan -- our grant has been approved from the state.

STC Brochure & On line forms -- Jim is working on this.

DPW

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

218 Work orders completed in 2015.

1279 vacant spots to plant street trees.

Stump list -- 229 sites, 2015 list has been submitted to the contractor.

Adjournment: 8:20 PM|
Next Meeting: February 18, 2015