

**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
March 19, 2015**

Under the Sunshine Law “adequate notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 2014 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 7:10 PM

Roll Call

Jennifer Dougherty

Margot Pohl

Liz Stewart

Henry Semmler

Liz Anievas

Kathleen Murphy, Councilwoman Liaison

Absent

Charlie Amorese

Jim Bieber

Roll Call & February minutes have been approved.

Budget Update

2015 – Working on a date to meet with Alan & Geeta.

CSIP Planting Grant – confirmed with Alec McCartney from the NJ State Forestry Services that he received the updated paper work after our initial inspection for partial reimbursement.

2014 Tree City Report and Annual Accomplishment Repots have been received by the NJ State Forestry.

CSIP Grant for our forth management plan. In the process of reviewing the grant and Paul Cowie who has written our previous management plans is available to complete this plant with us.

Construction Development

YTD 35 bonds are on file as of now none of them have received their CO for inspection.

Cherry Blossom Park Phase 1 Plans – Reviewed plans that are being submitted for bid. Tree locations have been marked on the plans but as of now we do not have total number of species. Our comments will be submitted to the recreation commission.

Correspondence

The STC voice mail has been updated.

A designated email has been assigned to the STC. We are working on an online form for residents to fill out on the website prior to publishing the email to residents.

Fiberoptic cable installation - Cross River Fiber have plans for installation, discussed with our liaison that all of our permits are on line and we can meet with them on site. We discussed how we had damaged to our trees last time when prior installations were conducted.

Training updates

NJSTF received invoice for annual dues.

NJSTF – Posted on line training for CEU's.

Misc.

In the process of up dating the 2014 into the new Tree File system.

Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday April 24, 2015. Margot will follow up with the elementary schools and women's club for the day's agenda. Bracelets have been ordered to distribute to the third grade class who concentrates on the environment.

An order of 250 tree seedlings have been ordered from the state for the tree farm and for the residents that will be distributed at the library as last year. Seedlings should arrive the beginning of April.

Tree Planting and Projects

Tennis Court Planting

We received two bids waiting on a third.

Management Plan

Our 3rd management plan expires this year and we are working on a CSIP grant for the preparation of our 4th management plan. Paul Cowie said he would work with us again.

DPW

Will remind them about putting pesticides around trees.

As soon as the snow begins to melt we need to apply gypsum around the trees that were exposed to heavy salting.

As of now the DPW is not interested in stump grinding due to safety concerns. We will continue to look into alternatives.

Adjournment: 8:15 PM

Next Meeting: April 16, 2014