

**Borough of River Edge  
Shade Tree Commission  
March 21, 2013**

**Under the Sunshine Law “adequate notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 2011 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 7:05 PM**

**Roll Call**

Jennifer Dougherty  
Margot Pohl  
Jim Bieber  
Liz Anievas  
Liz Stewart  
Henry Semmler

**Absent**

Kathleen Murphy, Councilwoman Liaison  
Charlie Amorese

**Budget Update**

Need to follow up with Alan and Geeta for our 2013 budget allocation.

**Open Space**

We were allocated \$14,500 of the estimated \$143,765.21 that is in the Open Space fund for 2013. Need to clarify allocation since we submitted two separate requests.

Received a memo from Alan stating that at the budget meeting on February 16 it was mentioned that they may have funds to remove the trees around the tennis courts and we will need to follow up with them late October of 2013.

The Recreation Commission mentioned setting up an Open Space Meeting with all departments to discuss future projects. We informed them that we were interested and at this time have not received notification of a meeting but think this would be a beneficial to all the departments.

**Green Team**

Mentioned that they will be planting at the River Dell Middle School Garden and will be requesting Open Space funds. Need to see if we can use Open Space money to plant trees on school property.

**Tree Protection Ordinance**

Two properties have qualified under this ordinance and cash deposits have been received.

**PSE&G Pending Legislation**  
**Assembly, No. 3736**  
**State of New Jersey**  
**215<sup>th</sup> Legislature**  
**Introduced February 7, 2013**  
**Assemblywoman Amy H. Handlin**  
**District 13**  
**Assemblyman Scott T. Rumana**

**\*Requires electric public utilities to undertake vegetation management practices near power lines.**

**Need to follow up with the Mayor and Council and possibly send a resolution.**

#### **Meeting and Training Update**

135 Valley Mark Widder, as this time we have not received an update since our recommendation.

#### **Projects**

##### **Tree Tagging in the Parks**

Would like to complete this project by the end of the summer of 2013.

Brochures for the library, need to revised and include information about permits and location on town website for more information.

#### **Arbor Day**

Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday April 28, 2013. Margot is coordinating times with the schools and will send letters out. Jennifer will follow up with Denise so we can have the proclamation read at an upcoming Mayor and Council meeting.

#### **Status of work in progress**

Work order update – 17 ytd

Trees pending planting – 639 ytd

Stump list – 310 ytd

**Adjournment: 8:50 PM|**  
**Next Meeting: April 18, 2013**