

**Borough of River Edge  
Shade Tree Commission  
December 20, 2018**

**Under the Sunshine Law “adequate notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 23, 2017 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: 7:20 PM Roll Call Liz Stewart, Jennifer Dougherty, Margot Pohl, Henry Semler & Councilman Papaleo.**

**Absent: Charlie Amorese, Jim Bieber & Nancy Chiang, Residents 926 Fifth Ave Mr. & Mrs Harilaou & 930 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Mr. Lippencott.**

**Planting 5<sup>th</sup> Ave**

Residents were not pleased with the placement of the town trees. We gave an over view of the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project, sixteen trees removed for curbing and sidewalks and the project funded replacement trees. The placement of the new trees on town property was discussed with Mr. Costa Town Engineer and John Lynch/DPW. After discussions we decided to replant these trees in the Spring on the curb side at 926 5<sup>th</sup> Ave & 930 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. We will reach out to the other neighbors and discuss placement prior to planting.

**Correspondence**

**Roosevelt School – Thank you letter for Tree Planting and working with the students.**

**Donation – 119 Adams Avenue, Thank you for planting a new tree.**

**Budget & Open Space**

Submitted purchase orders for fall planting and conferences expenses.

Finalized remaining invoices and encumbered the balance of funds for stump grinding.

2019 Budget Request was submitted prior to the due date of November 19, 2018.

Violations – partial Funds received from 929 Bogert Road, received funds 643 Bogert Road, new violation on Kinderkamack Road, received police report.

**Assembly and Senate Bill S2505 Vegetation Management Response Act**

**Agencies Affected: County and municipal shade tree commissions, review bill and email from the NJSTF.**

**Stump List** – Henry & Charlie are finishing driving the list 2018 list that will be finalized in 2019. Downes will complete stump grinding in 2019. Reached out again to the State for grinding contract but never heard back.

**Secretary** – Jennifer Martinez mentioned to Liz that November 9<sup>th</sup> was her last day. We have discussed in the past to have the support of the DPW secretary, would streamline tree work and be more efficient.

**Annual Management Plan** - Need to follow up when the 2018 application needs to be submitted.

**Tree City USA** - Application is available online to be updated.

**Community Center** – Attended the Town Hall Discussion Tuesday October 9, 2018. The STC is waiting for an update when the Sub Committee and Rob Costa can meet on site and discuss proposed changes. Attended the Traffic Study on December 10, 2018 for the Community Center.

**Construction Development review**

**206 Lozier** – Two-year evaluation requested by contractor, returning bond for one tree.

**929 Summit** – New Bond five trees.

**824 Summit** – Returning construction bond.

**183 Manning** – Tulip tree feeding root, Liz spoke to Pica and the owner and gave them options for the sidewalk.

**NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference October 18 – 19, 2018 Cherry Hill NJ – received 24 CEU's**

Attendees: Liz Stewart, Jennifer Dougherty, Kenny Morse, Eric Philips & Jason DeCarlo

Water Management Class - Liz

**Work Orders**

83 Surrey Lane – Email sent October 30, 2018 Mayor and Council, regarding sparks and flames.

Discussed Reports – Phone Message from Guy Vogt Division Forester/Distribution Supervisor PSE&G, Police Report

**2018 Fall Tree Planting – November 5 – 11, 2018**

**Borough Street – 58**

**CSIP Street – 83 Trees**

**Open Space – 57 Trees, 18 Shrubs**

**Review Plantings**

**DPW John Lynch memorial trees**

Memorial baseball field

168 Manchester upset with tree placement, left message that they do not get along with neighbor and tree is a point of contention.

154 Valley resident is not happy with getting a tree and said they did not get a letter.

207 Valley Road new resident, not happy with placement of tree, wants it closer to pole and will pay for transplanting.

**CSIP Grant** – Levon Bigelow conducted our first tree planting inspection on Wednesday November 8, 2018.

**CSIP Grant** – Emailed Brian McDonald with the final planting date and updated species and address list.

**CSIP Grant** - Submit subcontractor certifications.

**Application for Arbor day Seedlings** – 525 Tree seedlings were ordered.

**County Roads** – Regarding email from Steve Jocks regarding Midland ROW.

**Misc.**

**Arboretum sign being repaired.**

**Social Media** – FB Posts, what are the borough standards.

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

**Year to date numbers**

**Work orders** – 2018 270 ytd **Tree pending for planting** – #s need to be updated, **Stump list** - # need to be updated

**Adjournment:** 9:00 pm      **Next Meeting:** January 17, 2019