

**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
January 17, 2019**

Under the Sunshine Law “adequate notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 23, 2018 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: PM Roll Call: Liz Stewart, Jennifer Dougherty, Charlie Amorese & Henry Semler. Absent: Margot Pohl, Jim Bieber, Nancy Chiang & Councilman Papaleo

Budget & Open Space

Open Space Meeting Monday January 28 at 7pm. Requests need to be submitted by January 25. Work with recreation and beautification with plantings in Cherry Blossom Park.

Stump List – Finished driving sites, completed list needs to be submitted to Downes.

Secretary – Need an update if this position is being replaced. STC voice mail is being checked, although we are extremely behind with work order entries into the Tree Files Database.

CSIP Grant - Received notification from Patricia Shapella the Shade Trees Nursery subcontractor documents need to be resigned and mailed back to her.

Annual Management Plan 2018- Working on this, due 2/15/2018.

Tree City USA – Working on this, due 2/15/2018

NJUCF Webinar – Completing your Annual Accomplishment Report January 31, 2019 12pm – 1CEU – Jennifer registered.

Community Center

Construction Development review

331 Howland Ave – Bond is being returned.

314 Van Saun Drive – Bond is being returned for two trees and a third is still being evaluated.

206 Lozier – Bond is being returned.

824 Summit – Returned bond for one tree.

204 Manning – Nubar Casarian New Construction one tree.

Tree Inventory Systems – Cloud based systems to save on paper work

Need to discuss cloud-based Tree Management software that can be utilized by the Tree Crew and Commission, this alternative could be more cost efficient. Need to demo for Tree Plotter and Davey’s Tree Keeper program.

Arbor Day – Review plan with schools, ordered 525 seedlings.

Deer Protection – Margot will provide an update.

Relocation of 5th Avenue trees (926/930) will follow up with neighbors, estimate.

Thank you Letters

Donations

Work Orders

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

Year to date numbers

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

Adjournment: 8:30 AM Next Meeting: February 21, 2019