

**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
April 19, 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: 7:05PM Roll Call Liz Stewart, Jennifer Dougherty, Margot Pohl, Nancy Chiang & Councilman Papaleo, Resident Steven Shalit 146 Webb Avenue, Kenny Doyle 433 The Fenway

Absent: Charlie Amorese, Henry Semler & Jim Bieber

Budget

Main Budget – March 22 2018 Budget Review meeting. Liz and Jennifer met with Alan and Geeta. Need to discuss re allocation of lines since we did not receive funds for planting.

Open Space – 2018 received full request \$14,285 for other expenses and \$5,000 for salary and wages. Need to review project.

CSIP Grant 2017 – Tree Planting & Maintenance Plan was approved. Received an email from Brian McDonald on March 2, 2018. Need to submit an extension letter for six months since we are planting in the fall of 2018.

Stump List – Need to follow up if missed sites were completed.

Part Time Secretary – Jennifer Martinez has been filling in for other departments. Liz followed up and going forward Jennifer will try to receive phone messages and update the Tree Data Base, requested time was five hours/week.

Tree City USA & Annual Management Plan have been submitted to the State. Waiting for approvals.

Received Tree City USA Plaque, hat, pin and Flag for 18 years accomplishment.

Arbor Day Celebrations

500 Seedlings arrive April 21 and the girl scouts will be packing them for the schools and library.

Celebrations – Cherry Hill 10am, Roosevelt 2pm

Girl Scouts will be separating the seedlings for Cherry Hill, Roosevelt and St. Peter’s third grade students and the STC will be giving them tree bracelets.

Community Center –Have not received an update.

Construction Development review

2-yr evaluations

235 Zabriskie Pl - return

421 Windsor Pl – evaluate 3rd year due to soil compaction.

734 5th Ave - return

3-yr evaluation:

168 Wayne (we evaluated at 2-yr and decided to wait till the 3rd year) - return

Residents

146 Webb Steven Shalit Avenue Corner Lott Tree (Webb & Bogert) requested we evaluate tree, fallen branches.

433 The Fenway Kenny Doyle – attended meeting on behalf of his cousin William Doyle who resides at 929 Bogert Road. On April 7, 2018 William Doyle and Kenny Dolye took down a portion of a town tree in front of 929 Bogert road. Liz, Margot and Jennifer arrived after being informed by a resident. We spoke with both of them and explained it was town property and they would be receiving a violation. We extended an invitation to attend our next meeting on April 19, 2018. DPW has since removed the rest of it since it was beyond saving, need to discuss what the violation will be. A

police report was written and Liz completed a valuation of the tree. The resident nor cousin thought this was a town tree. Kenny Doyle did inquire if a new tree would be replanted in the same spot since he cousin discussed putting a drive way in that location. We informed him we would review plans when they were available and to have William Doyle contact us.

Borough Email – set up did not work for us.

Website – submitted updates and waiting for response from web master. **DPW** - Town wide pruning continues and work orders are being completed within 30 days, weather permitting.

Year to date numbers

Work orders – 2018 36 ytd **Tree pending for planting** – #s need to be updated, **Stump list** - # need to be updated

Adjournment: 9:10 pm, *Councilman Papaleo left at 8:30 pm

Next Meeting: May 17, 2018