

**Borough of River Edge  
Shade Tree Commission  
February 21, 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: 7:10 PM Roll Call:** Liz Stewart, Jennifer Dougherty, Margot Pohl, Jim Bieber. **Absent:** Charlie Amorese, Henry Semler, Nancy Chiang & Councilman Papaleo

**Budget & Open Space**

Attended Open Space Meeting Monday January 28 at 7pm. All Requests submitted were approved.

**Proposed Vegetation Act S2505**

Since the bill was not read on January 31,2019, there was no vote, additional meetings have been scheduled between the Senators and members of organizations with in the tree industry to review.

February 7, 2019 – Senator Sarlo Meeting to review proposed Act S2505, Liz attended with Rutgers Prof. Jason Grabowski, Lobbyist, Assembly DeAngelo Aids, League of Municipalities Representatives. Changes were discussed and submitted for review.

Mayor Mignone sent a letter to Senator Lagana.

Councilman Papaleo reached out to Senator Lagana.

**10 River Edge Road**

**Stump List** – Finished driving sites, completed list 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** – Submitted for the Mayor to sign.

**Tree City USA** – Submitted for the Mayor to sign.

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

**Community Center** – Will meet with Costa to review plans prior to going out to bid. Will submit recommendations to include vegetation planting strips in the parking lot.

**Construction Development review**

**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 and would replace the needs for secretarial assistance. Need to demo for Tree Plotter and Davey’s Tree Keeper program with the Tree Crew.

**Arbor Day** – Review plan with schools, ordered 600 seedlings.

**Website** – Discuss updates.

**Deer Protection** – Seen more damaged trees.

**Thank you correspondence, Donations**

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

**Year to date numbers**

**Work orders** – 2019 ytd **Tree pending for planting** – #s need to be updated, **Stump list** - # need to be updated

**Adjournment:** 8:15 AM **Next Meeting:** March 21, 2019