

**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
November 17, 2016**

Under the Sunshine Law "adequate notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 2015 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 7:03 PM

Roll Call

Liz Sewart

Margot Pohl

Henry Semmler

Charlie Amorese

Jim Bieber

Kathleen Murphy, Councilwoman Liaison

Resident: Nancy Ching

Absent

Liz Anievas

Jennifer Dougherty

Budget

Stump List – Liz and Jennifer met with Alan & Chris/DPW to discussed encumbering the funds as we look into options due to the drastic increase in price. Councilwoman Kathleen Murphy thought it might be a good idea. An ad will be submitted to The Record. Alan will inquire about shared services at his next meeting on 12/16/16. Specifications will be sent for the ad.

Grant - Green Communities Grant – 5 year management plan complete and P.O. have been submitted.

Part Time Secretary Proposal – 12/5/16 6pm Personnel Sub Committee meeting.

Town Planting - P.O.'s have been submitted. Chris Leishman & Bobbi walked parks and approved sites prior to planting.

2017 Budget Request Form due November 18, 2016. Ash Borer Treatment of \$40,000.00 will be added to the budget for the first time since it has been identified in our surrounding areas.

Violations: Follow up Washington Ave- damage to town tree, Check by Total Wine as per DPW 580 Kinderkamack Road and 874 Elm Avenue.

Construction Development - need to get CO dates from building dept.

380 The Fenway

251 Voorhis Ave

199 Greenway

Correspondence

Notice of violation 250 Concord Drive

Update - Memo October 4 from Alan Negreann– Removal of Tree at 140 Kinderkamack Road for sign installment – waiting for a response from the mayor and council.

Tree City USA application due 2/15/17

Meeting and Training

NJSTF Conference October 28- 29, 2016- Liz, Jennifer, Margot & Henry attend on October 28, 2016. DPW was not able to attend this year.

Tree Planting 2016 11/15-11/17

Letters have been mailed to residents.

Mark outs for tree planting in the parks were reviewed with Bobbi/ Recreation.

The Website has been updated for the 2016 Tree Planting and stump grinding.

Projects

2015 – 2020 Management Plan has been approved by the state.

Eagle Scout Service Proposal - Matthew Haggerty - Tree Farm. Jennifer attended the work session on 10/17 to support Matthew's project. The council did not hear back from any other committees on this project. Waiting to hear when the project will officially start. Beautification and the former mayor are working with him.

Boy Scouts -Andrew Campbell – follow up on mulch project, need to get documentation, project is set for 11/26/16 at 1pm. 8 boy scouts for approximately 2 hours.

DPW

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

Year to date Update numbers

Work orders – 213 - phone messages being checked weekly = up to date.

Tree pending for planting – 1,386+ vacant spots.

Stump list 128 sites, 2,336 (pending 2016 stump removal)

Adjournment: 8:15 PM

Next Meeting: December 15, 2016 at 7pm