

**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
September 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: 7:05 PM

Roll Call: Liz Stewart, Jennifer Dougherty, Margot Pohl, Charlie Amorese, & Councilman Papaleo. **Residents:** Ruben Grisales & Dora Grisales 365 Valley Road. **Absent:** Henry Semler, Jim Bieber & Nancy Chiang

Residents – 365 Valley Road Ruben & Dora Grisales brought multiple receipts supporting having their sewer pipes cleaned twice a year over the past few years due to blockage. Tree will be marked for removal.

Budget & Open Space - Finalizing tree/planting & conference purchase orders.

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

Part Time Secretary – Jennifer Martinez has been retrieving phone messages, however behind in entering work orders into the STC data bases.

Annual Management Plan – Have not received application yet.

Tree City USA - Application is available on line to be updated.

Community Center – Reviewed updated plans received from Rob Costa, estimated thirteen mature trees will be affected with proposed replanting’s. Need to walk the site and review with Rob and subcommittee. Need to confirm date for Public Meeting for Community Center.

Construction Development review

206 Lozier – Two-year evaluation requested by contractor, need to visit site.

NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference October 18 – 19, 2018 Cherry Hill NJ

Attendees: Liz, Jennifer, Kenny, Eric, Jason

Work Orders

365 Valley – Sycamore Tree received letter re tree roots.

929 Bogert – Violation was settled for \$ 2,125 including court fee \$125 in the municipal court on September 4.

643 Bogert – Violation was settled for \$500.

2018 Fall Tree Planting – September 14, 2018 – Tagged Trees

Margot will follow up with Carolyn Baldanza for park plantings.

CSIP Grant - Updated Brian McDonald with updated species and total tree planting.

*Need to notify Brian McDonald seven days prior to plating.

*Subcontractor certification needs to be filled out.

*DPW John Lynch memorial tree – Need to select plating sites.

Misc.

STC info Door Tag

NYT September 12, 2018 Article “River Edge, N.J. Walkable Place with One Notable Shortcoming”

Arboretum sign being repaired

Social Media – FB Posts – River Edge does not have an official FB page, need to clarify what are the procedures for a commission to respond to posts.

Cherry Blossom Park - Margot will follow up with Michelle.

Roosevelt School Environmental Project - Margot & Liz, educational.

Borough Email – need to follow up if email set up has been fixed.

Website – submitted updates and waiting for response from web master.

DPW – Memoria Park Trees are currently being trimmed. 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 PM **Next Meeting:** October 18, 2018