

**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
April 20, 2017**

Under the Sunshine Law "adequate notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on December 23, 2016 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 7:07 PM

Roll Call Liz Sewart, Jennifer Dougherty, Margot Pohl, Henry Semmler, Nancy Chiang & Councilman Papeleo. **Absent** Charlie Amorese & Jim Bieber

Budget

2017 Budget – Received print out of our final 2017 approved budget.

CSIP Grant 2017 – follow up with Alan/Stephanie regarding resolution for the grant that is due no later than May 16, 2017.

Discussed areas for plantings and content of grant requirements

Stump List – Reviewed estimates and discussed options if DPW took over some of the procedures. Need to follow up with Alan/John.

Part Time Secretary – Need to see who has been assigned to this part time position and set up training.

Violations:

Construction Development

179 Beech Drive North – review application for tree removal due to driveway. Construction plans are at the building department. Healthy Norway Maple valued at \$5,966.50

117 Voorhis Avenue – Elise James left a disgruntle message about having the Honey Locus tree removed that is on town property in front of her house. STC will visit the site and follow up with her.

Correspondence & Misc

Website updates – Liz added "click here" on the website to assist navigation to our site.

Gator Bags – Henry will take an inventory.

STC Building Roof – DPW will look into this.

Civil Rights Resolution – Reviewed the Mandatory resolution signed and will return to the Borough Hall.

Letter was received from fifth grade students requesting saplings for their eco-project that ties into Arbor Day.

Meeting and Training

Emerald Ash Borer Seminar- Friday March 17, 2017 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Bergen County Executive & the Board of Chosen Freeholders are sponsoring the seminar at The James A. McFaul Environmental Center. Three commissioners and three DWP representatives attended, we will receive a total of 12 ceu's.

NJ Tree Federation 92nd Conference Thursday/Friday October 19 – 20, 2017 @ The Crowne Plaza, Cherry Hill, NJ

Projects

Emerald Ash Borer Preventative Program – Spoke to representatives from two towns who are treating for EAB. Specifications letters have been submitted. STC evaluated 400 plus borough ash trees for treatment.

Arbor Day – Friday April 28, 2017

Presentation 9:30 am Roosevelt and 1:30 pm Cherry Hill.

Seedlings will be available at the library for residents, distributed to elementary schools and the Roosevelt Reforestation 5th grade project. STC will stay after the Roosevelt presentation to work with 5th grade students.

DPW

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

Year to date numbers

Work orders – 2017 – 47 Tree pending for planting – #s need to be updated Stump list - #s need to be updated

Adjournment: 8:35 PM

Next Meeting: May 18, 2017