

**Borough of River Edge
Shade Tree Commission
March 16, 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 7:14 PM

Roll Call Liz Sewart, Jennifer Dougherty, Margot Pohl, Henry Semmler & Councilman Papeleo. Jim Gentiles 594 5th Avenue.

Absent Charlie Amorese, Nancy Chiang & Jim Bieber

*Jim Gentiles 594 5th Avenue. Left a message and STC did a site evaluation. Lost two trees in Sandy, tree on 5th is dropping branches and he would like a new tree planted.

Budget:

2017 Budget – A supplement detailing our budget was sent for distribution to the mayor and council since budget meetings were not being held.

Purchase Requisition was submitted for our annual NJ Tree Federation Membership for 7 members.

Review Preliminary 2017 budget from the mayor and council. The final budget will be adopted on April 3, 2017.

Open Space – Update from the Public hearing for Open Space - February 21, 2017. Request was submitted to Alan February 13, 2017. Discuss Ash Trees in the Park.

Stump List – Memorandum dated February 17, 2017 from John Lynch, C.P.W.M detailed the costs for shared services with New Milford for stump grinding. John recommended not pursuing this shared service due to the higher cost. Liz is following up with the Stump Removal Company.

Part Time Secretary Proposal – Need an update.

Violations:

Construction Development

Two- year review for construction bonds.

**186 Reservoir fair condition, 168 Wayne Fair condition, 250 Wayne fair condition, 386 Windsor
380 Fenway – Forfeit due to tree damage, no response to certified letter.**

Correspondence & Misc.

Emerald Ash Borer Preventative Program – Have not received any updates from the Riverside Cooperative.

Website updates – items that need to be added.

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. 2 CEU credits. Three commissioners will be attending and three from the DPW. There are a total of 414 Ash tree sites that need to be evaluated for tree condition and size.

Projects

Arbor Day – Friday April 28, 2017. Need to confirm celebration dates with schools and send invitations. Is anyone speaking from the Women's club or the Mayor? Still needs to be finalized.

500 Seedlings have been ordered and follow up on bracelets.

Margot will contact the boy and girls scouts for assistance bagging the seedlings.

DPW

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

Year to date numbers

Work orders – 2017 – 30

Tree pending for planting – #s need to be updated

Stump list - need to be updated

Adjournment: 8:45 PM

Next Meeting: April 20, 2017