

Minutes of Leonia Shade Tree Commission's Regular meeting held July 14, 2021

Present: Christine Healy, Kathi Verbeek, Vivian DeMarco, Soo Jung Woo, Mark Spiegel, Julie Ulbrich, Laura Lindsay Sewell

Absent: Imanta Bergmanis, Bill Ziegler, John Villareal, Charles Moren

Welcome Laura Lindsay Sewell as our newest member.

One committee opening needs to be filled. Please reach out to Imanta and Christine if you have any suggestions.

Approval of minutes for July meeting

The meeting is in compliance with the Open Meeting Act as the date, time, and place of all regular meetings were filed with the Borough Clerk and have been properly publicized.

**Public Portion:** none

**Council Liaison Report:** none

**Chairperson Report:**

- Leonia Day – Recommendation is that we do not conduct in Fall 2021. Plan for 2022.
- Environmental Committee project to revamp Highwood Hills
  - Cat briar & Tree removal – getting quotes
  - EC will oversee the planting for reforestation
  - Clean up could be an Eagle Scout project; others can join in the clean up
- Walkabout – in progress, complete by end of August.
- Spring 2021 Planting – 30 Trees planted, including some on private property. Watering of trees by John V's. team.
- Need to focus on Fall Plantings – 2 private properties, 5 Public by August Meeting
- Private Property letter will be circulated again
- Add link & info on Website about the Private Planting program.

**Commissioner's Report**

- Grand Ave trees – John V. to reach out to the State for assistance to have them removed
- 312 Magnolia planted by Scerbo, not fully blooming, may need to be removed. Continue to watch.
- 308 Glenwood right of way. Dead Tree to be removed. Vines to be removed from healthy trees. Follow up with John Villareal.
- 409 Grand Ave
- New Ordinance/Community Outreach:
  - Postcard will be updated to focus on the Private Planting Program.
  - Kathi met with Sean, Rec Center, to plan postcard mailing & understand process
- CEUs – need 8 for the year
- adjourned at 8:30pm