

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

Present: Christine Healy, Imanta Bergmanis, Julie Ulbrich, Bill Ziegler, Kathi Verbeek, Kate Mirbaba, Mark Spiegel, Vivian DeMarco

Absent: Diana Petrella, Soo Joung Woo

Approval of minutes Dec, 2020 - approved

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: Christoph Hesterbrink

Council Liaison Report:

- Anti-Discrimination resolution passed M&C
- Bids for demolition and construction of municipal building
- Historical Preservation Society
- Success of big belly units
- Interviewing for captain's position at LPD

Chairperson Report:

Christoph Hesterbrink (Chair of Environmental Commission) spoke about Highwood Hills invasive species (cat briar) limiting saplings growth.

Committee formed (Julie, Imanta, Christine, Christoph) to possibly write grant to remove briar and form new trails.

No tree evaluations

Walkabout end date July 2021 to be placed on google sheet

One private planting in the Spring

Imanta and Julie will put a list together for 10-15 plantings on private property

Memorial tree to be planted -

Plaques and planting - Christine looking into stone etching memorial stones

Commissioner's Report

New Ordinance/Community Outreach: Kathi and Soo

Julie reached out to 325 Beechwood PI to replace a tree that the town took down 2 years ago.

adjourned at 9:00