

## Leonia Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes for Aug 10, 2022

Present: Imanta Bergmanis, Kathi Verbeek, Bill Ziegler (Council Liaison), Julie Ulbrich, Christine Healy John Villareal & Charles Moran (DPW), Vivian DeMarco

Absent: Mark Spiegel, Soo Joung Woo, Laura Lindsey Sewell,

July 2022 minutes approved

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

Public Portion: Ann Marie Krim from 188 Highwood asking for trees to be planted in right of way – resident does not want a shade tree on private property. Resident reported that her ground sprinklers remain broken despite recent “repair” by paving company. Christine clarified that smaller trees will be planted under the lines on Broad Ave in the fall.

### Council Liaison Report:

1. New PD building currently on hold with soil remediation occurring due to oil tank in soil. Minimal amts but above threshold to build.
2. Working on capital budget for 2022
3. Monday 8/15 at working meeting council will discuss sidewalk policy
4. Electric vehicles – possible ordinance. Sites will potentially be Beechwood parkin and police station parking.
5. Community energy aggregation passed.

### Chairperson Report:

- Lanternfly: Imanta would like to put information regarding the SLF infestation – education on how to manage egg nests, insecticide, tree of heaven removal.
- Andrea/DPW will send out informational flyer referencing boro website and information on SLF. Discussion to waive fee for removal of tree of heaven –
  
- Mike Grecco and Cathy will meet to update the shade tree portion of our website.
  
- Private Property Planting addresses: Christine and Imanta need addresses by end of Aug.
  
- Ash trees in the Hills – Chuck suggested that removal and replant is better than pruning. Chuck will measure to see which trees are in the right of way. Julie will compose a letter to the

homeowner with ash trees in the town right of way stating that the tree is on town property and will be removed. We will replant.

- 312 Magnolia in need of removal to prepare for Fall planting.
- 325 Magnolia – resident is asking to relocate cherry tree. Imanta is checking in on the matter.
- To assess ash trees at Station Parkway. 101, 103, 105 Station Parkway have ash trees that need removal. Once they are assessed, DPW will remove.
- Residents at Broad Ave between Park and Highwood were approached to receive private plantings but no residents expressed interest or reached out to STC.
- Walkabout district 5 held off for next meeting

Minutes by Julie Ulbrich