

Leonia Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2022

Present: Imanta Bergmanis, , Kathi Verbeek, Mark Spiegel, Bill Ziegler (Council Liaison), John Villareal & Charles Moran (DPW), Vivian DeMarco

Absent: Soo Joung Woo, Christine Healy, Laura Lindsey Sewell, Julie Ulbrich

June 8, 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: Lee Groves was present to observe the meeting.

Council Liaison Report:

Bill Ziegler reported on key matters affecting the borough being addressed by the Mayor & Council:

- Capital Budget 2022 – 2027, 5 year budget is under review.
- M&C, & Shade Tree co-chairs walked Broad Ave between Crescent Ave to Hillside Ave to identify areas for improvement.
- M&C reviewing locations in town for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.
- Town Vacant Land Analysis is being conducted to determine if these lots can be made available for sale.

Chairperson Report:

Most of the items will be covered in the rest of the agenda.

- *30-31 trees were planted for the spring planting 2022 project. STC members reviewed Tree Plantings to determine if the trees are healthy or in distress. These findings were shared with Imanta and Christine.
- The Tree Planting Company has committed to replace for free if they do not recover. One year warranty for the trees.
- *Private fall planting – 15 residents signed up at Leonia day; follow-up including tree & planting site (overhead wire?) selection and maintenance agreement. Need to confirm sites. If anyone has sites please give to Imanta and Christine.
- Sycamore coming down by the end of Library exit. Municipal Developer for new building.
- 209 Oratam – Tree Removal

Discussion:

- Marketing: Town Calendar will reflect the ordinance & private planting program.
- STC Website: Borough has hired a new person who will be responsible for updating Borough Websites. Kathi Verbeek to meet with Mike Greco
- Landmark Trees: Imanta circulated the latest proposal draft for landmark trees. This review will occur during the August 10, 2022 meeting.
- Discussion on revisions to Shade Tree Ordinance including severe pruning and designation of landmark trees. This review will occur during the August 10, 2022, meeting.
- Walkabout for District 5: Please finish your walkabout and if possible put the data at google sheet by September 1.
- **Helpful Application : Picture this (Reimbursement is available)
- CEUs: STC needs 8 credits by the end of 2022.

Minutes by Kathi Verbeek