Minutes of the Leonia Shade Tree Commissions’ regular meeting held Wednesday **June 8, 2011**

The meeting was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act as the date, time, and place of all regular meetings were filed with the Borough clerk on January 1, 2011 and had been properly publicized

**Present**: Jane Wilson (Chairperson), David Dolch (Secretary), Richard Stenken, Gloria Arlak, Vivian DeMarco, Christine Healy-Sammis,

**Absent**: Pete Shanno (Vice Chair), Anne Bonadies, Vince Scordo

**Council Liaison:**  Not Present

**The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM**

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting were read. Corrections to the attendance were noted. By motion of R Stenken, seconded by V DeMarco, and vote of the Commissioners, the minutes were approved as amended.

**Public Portion:**

No public was present.

**Council Liaison’s Report:**

The Council Liaison was not present.

**Chairperson’s Report:**

 Bergen County Clerk Cathy Donovan wrote to congratulate Leonia on 18 years of celebrating Leonia / Arbor / Earth Day

Leonard Carrauso of Christie St wrote to thank the STC for their help in evaluating and recommending trees on his property. He also wishes to express to the Mayor and Council that he is saddened by the fact that the planting budget has been cut.

Sylvia Diaz, 142 Grand, wanted a tree removed. It has been looked at and it is a private tree. The resident has been advised.

According to Myrna Becker, the STC has received an additional $1,000 in the Operating Budget. Our operating budget now stands at $1,705.00

### Commissioner’s Reports:

Michael Blancone 307 Van Orden Ave – wondering about limbs hanging over his backyard. These are boro trees and the resident was advised he could trim the overhanging limbs if so desired. D Dolch and P Shanno will follow up.

G. Arlak

 312 Park – Tree inspected and in good condition. Will follow up again with resident and with J Terhune.

C Healy-Sammis

 35 Glenwood – Tree is in bad shape, and the street is scheduled for re-paving. Tree marked for removal.

 138 Reldeys. Tree needs evaluation. Will follow up

 139 Paulin – Two trees marked for removal. Resident would like replacement(s) if possible.

 J Wilson

 135 Sylvan – Tree marked for removal.

 133 Sylvan – Tree marked for removal.

**2011 Planting / BSF Grant:**

31 trees were planted on May 31 / June 1. The contractor has watered the trees and was watering again today. Most residents have been watering as well. However most of Ray Avenue and 172 Lakeview appear to be in bad shape. D Dolch will investigate these trees and see what can be done. The State of NJ will be coming next week to inspect the tree installation – this is required because of the BSF Grant monies that were used.

**Arbor/Earth/Leonia Day – May 15, 2011**

Arbor / Earth / Leonia Day was a success despite the poor weather necessitating moving it indoors.

There are still some Leonia STC shirts available for $8.00. Contact R Stenken if you wish to purchase one.

**District 6 Walkabout**

The Walkabout Survey of District 6 was completed. Information has been delivered to C Healy-Sammis who will log it into the database.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Adjournment:**

By motion of J Wilson, seconded by R Stenken, and vote of the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted

David Dolch, Secretary