**Minutes of the Leonia Shade Tree Commission’s Regular Meeting Held Wednesday, December 12, 2012**

The meeting was held 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, 2012 and have been properly publicized.

**Present:** Jane Wilson, Chair; Gloria Arlak; Richard Stenken; Bradley Wilds; Christine Healy-Sammis; Doug Salmon, Council Liaison

**Absent:** Vincent Scordo, Sectretary; Peter Shanno, Vice Chair; Anne Bonadies; Vivian DeMarco

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

**Minutes:** the minutes of the October 12, 2012 meeting were read. By motion of Gloria Arlak, seconded by Richard Stenken and vote of the Commissioners present, the Minutes of the November 14, 2012 meeting were approved as amended.

**Public Portion:** No public was in attendance.

**Council Liaison’s Report:** The Leonia Council Mayor and Council meetings can be viewed at:

[http://leoniaboroughnj.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx#](http://leoniaboroughnj.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx)

**Chairperson’s Report:**

1. Fall Planting will occur 12/13/12. Concerns from citizens were noted to include where funding was derived for planting and how citizen safety was taken into consideration. It was noted that funding for the planting was approved through Mayor and Council, and that tree size and species were considered in regards to many factors – ie, sidewalks, power lines, view of sight, etc)

**Commissioners’ Reports:**

1. 324 Highwood Avenue – 2 older trees evaluated by C. Healy-Sammis and G. Arlak. Maple tree on west side of property will be recommended for removal. Maple tree on east side of property will be recommended for pruning.
2. 131 Sylvan Ave – 2 Norway Maples for removal by Jane Wilson.
3. 217 Oratam – tree removed.

**Fall Planting:**

The 2012 Fall Planting will occur 12/13/12. Jane Wilson and Gloria Arlak provided staking for tree sites throughout the Borough today. Their efforts were greatly appreciated. 41 trees in all will be planted. Leonia Residents who will be the recipients of trees starting 12/13/12 have been notified in writing. The trees will include Amur maples, Freeman Maples and Sycamores.

**Shade Tree Ordinance:**

A revised draft of the Borough Shade Tree Ordinance was discussed again at length. Discussion was taken under advisement and will be represented at the next meeting.

**New/Old Business:** None.

Adjournment: By motion of Richard Stenken, seconded but Bradley Wilds and with a vote of the Commissioners present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Healy-Sammis (acting as temporary Secretary)