

Minutes of the Shade Tree Commissions' regular meeting held Wednesday February 13, 2013

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, 2012 and had been properly publicized.

**Present:** Jane Wilson (Chairperson), Richard Stenken, Gloria Arlak, Christine Healy-Sammis, Anne Bonadies

**Absent:** Vince Scordo, Pete Shanno, Brad Wildes

**Council Liason:** Gil Hawkins

**The meeting was called to order at 7:35.**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting were read. By motion of Richard Stenken, seconded by Anne Bonadies, the minutes were approved.

**Public Portion:**

No public was present.

**Council Liason's Report:**

Gil reported that the Shade Tree's request for funds from the Mayor and Council Budget Committee had a positive response. The Shade Tree's request for \$12,000 in funds is contingent upon the final budget.

**Chairperson's Report:**

Jane discussed the Direct Med location and the issue of counting trees that are on the property.

Jane sent off the Shade Tree Federation Membership.

Jane attended a Girl Scout meeting at the Middle School. The Girl Scouts are doing a project on trees for their silver medal.

Jane is thinking about ordering different trees, in addition to pines, to distribute to the public on Leonia Day. Leonia Day is May 19.

**Commissioner's Reports:**

Richard presented an edited version of the Shade Tree Ordinance. He continues to work on refining the wording.

**Evaluations:**

48 Linden – Pear Tree needs to be topped and trimmed

124 Linden – There is a tree on the fence. This is not a town tree.

238 Van Orden – Sycamore with branch over house needs to be pruned.

**Old/New Business:**

- We discussed creating a brochure on trees that would include general facts, benefits of, how to plant, structure of trees, town rules and regulations re: trees, identification of trees, significant trees of Leonia, etc.

**Adjournment:**

By motion of Jane Wilson, seconded by Anne Bonadies and vote of the Commissioners present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Anne Bonadies (filling in for Vince Scordo, Secretary)