**Minutes of the Leonia Shade Tree Commission’s regular meeting held Wednesday, June 10, 2015**.

The meeting was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act as the date, time and place of all regular meetings were filed with Borough Clerk on Jan 1, 2015 and had been properly publicized.

**Presen**t: Jane Wilson (Chairperson), Christine Healy-Sammis, Richard Stenken, Imanta Bergmanis, Vivian DeMarco. Meghan Lutz

**Absent**: Gloria Arlak, Maureen Havluch. Kate Mirbaba, Anne Bonadies

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

**Minutes**: The minutes of the May meeting were read and by vote of the Commissioners present, the minutes were approved.

**Public Portion: Diane Quall from 514 Nordhoff Drive, Leonia.** Reported that an evaluation from Mr. Russo, Ms. Quall’s neighbor, also recommended removal. This issue was initially raised by Mr. Russo at last meeting in April 2015 –see minutes for details. The tree will be removed by the homeowner.

**Council Liaison Report**: No Council members were in attendance.

**Chairperson’s Report**:

1. Leonia Day –wonderful day and weather. Well attended. $100 profit from t-shirt sales. Trees given out included Red Buds, Fraiser Pines #80. Whips/trees given out – Dogwoods all given away, Persimmons – all given away, Willow Oak – still few remaining. Will check some locations in Leonia for possible planting.
2. Steven Russo – emailed the STC/Borough regarding the tree being removed on Nordhoff Drive.
3. Memorial Day parade – 3 members of the STC marched in the parade, along with their children.
4. PNC/Dunkin Donuts property – Approached about a tree on the property for evaluation for removal. Unsure if this is public or private. Will direct property owner to discuss this matter with Jack Terhune.

**Commissioner’s Reports:**

1. 118 Overlook – question of removal of tree on public property without permission. To investigate.
2. Grand Ave (address unknown) – possible removal of public trees without permission. To be investigated.
3. 330 Crescent -2 large sycamores – eval done and recommended pruning.
4. Christie Heights Street at dead end/Borough property – eval done and removal of dead maple and maple on top of storm drain recommended. Pruning of mulberry tree recommended.
5. 330 Ridgefield Terrace – recommended removal of dead pine which is 2 feet inside of the right-of-way.
6. 119 Van Order – Hedge maple –evaled and looks okay. Will plan to re-eval in 1-2 months.
7. 346 Glenwood – Elm/newly planted locust, recommended pruning out dead branches.
8. 141 Glenwood – Newly planted locust, recommended pruning out dead branches.
9. 153 Glenwood – Newly planted locust, recommended pruning dead branches.
10. 55 Glenwood – recommended raising young maple.
11. 49 Glenwood – recommended raising young maple.
12. 35 Glenwood – recommended raising young maple.
13. 140 Ames (on Broad Ave) – recommended removing suckers around trunk, stakes and wire.
14. 132 Ames – recommended raising small gum tree.
15. 117 Leonia Ave – recommended pruning dead branches on maple.

**Spring Planting in Wood Park:** 7 trees planted in Wood Park. Need watering. Need to change 1 tree to originally specified area. Need to mulch. Gators needed for shade trees.

**Community Chest Grant** – Impact Grant requests were submitted for both Wood Park and Fireman’s/Stanley Gallone Park. Grant awards pending.

**District 4 Walk About**: Area to be evaluated is from Railroad tracks to Broad Ave, and Fort Lee Road north to Christie Heights Street. Keys were distributed regarding tree numbering, species, DPH and recommendations. Walking this area was recommended for July, to be completed by the end of July. Assignments for walking and evaluation District 4 are as follows:

Imanta & Christine – Fort Lee Road to Schor, Grand to Christie Heights through High School

Megan & Vivian – Grand to Broad Ave, from Christie Heights (504-509)

Richard & Jane – Hillside/Grand/Broad/Wood Terrace & Woodland Place.

Gloria & Kate – Leonia Ave & Wood Park.

**District 3 Walk About** – needs to be completed. District 3 removals and pruning need to be re-evaled for completeness.

**New/Old Business:**

**New – Management Plan –** needs to be submitted by the end of 2015. Jane has completed the past years and Christine will plan to assist with this year’s plan.

STC adjournment for summer months of July and August, to reconvene in September 2015.

Adjournment: By motion of Jane Wilson and a vote of the Commissioners present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Healy-Sammis.