**Minutes of the Leonia Shade Tree Commission’s regular meeting held Wednesday, June 14, 2017**.

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, 2017 and had been properly publicized.

**Presen**t: Jane Wilson (Chairperson), Christine Healy-Sammis, Imanta Bergmanis, Vivian DeMarco, Gloria Arlak, Bill Ziegler (Council Liaison), Julie Ulbrich

**Absent**: Richard Stenken

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.

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

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

**Council Liaison Report**: Bill Ziegler

Proposal for new recycling program – Pay-as-You-Throw. Leonia has only 500 recycling pails remaining to give to residents.

Capital Budget – formally presented and formally adopted 6/19/2017.

111 High Street – There is a healthy tree elevating the sidewalk. Resident requested eval. Catalpa tree healthy. Recommendation to remove the existing sidewalk as not currently functional.

Facilities Committee – returned with several recommendations about the Borough.

Acquire property on Fort Lee Road x2 adjacent to Wood Park exit for future police station, court and more. For financing possibly sell Annex and sculpture garden. For Seniors, possible space at renovated current site of police department. For Fire Department, use some extra space from current police department.

**Chairperson’s Report**:

1. Anne Bonadies gave notice of her resignation from STC – it was recognized that Anne’s years of service have been greatly appreciated.
2. Christie Street – 3 oak trees were removed.
3. John Belitsky – letter received.
4. Jill Boyd – 356 Glenwood. Need to recheck honey locust and neighbor’s oak tree. Put in for pruning and raising.
5. Site for another tree on Park and Broad on south side.
6. CEUs – Tree Foundation Seminar (July 7th). Julie, Imanta and Jane will probably attend (topics: EAB ad PSE&G markouts). We need 8 CEUs.
7. NJ Shade Tree Fed 92nd annual conference in Cherry Hill Oct 19th and 20th. Core training available both days.
8. CSIP Grant – Discussion regarding grant deadline and planning and upfront costs/risk associated with grant. Discussed not being able to front costs of the grant due to fiscal constraints of budget. Will need final notification to NJ gov.
9. Leonia Day – Special thanks to Imanta and Julie for efforts and organization of Leonia Day.

**Commissioner’s Reports:**

Jane: REMOVALS.

1. 175 Broad (on Highwood) – large silver maple lost huge limb with windstorm.
2. 185 Harrison – large silver maple, not many branches left with numerous dead limbs.
3. 334 Park – dead Norway maple
4. 161 Highwood – dead Norway maple
5. & 6. 133 Reldyes – 2 Norway maples, 1 dead and one ‘almost dead.’

PRUNING:

1. 222 Glenwood – 3 trees, one an Elm, prune dead branches.
2. 257 Harrison – Dead branch over lawn. Sycamore – prune.
3. 356 Glenwood – prune dead ends of locust.
4. On Hillside all between Broad and Kingsley and all small flowering trees. The addresses are:

245 Hillside, 255 Hillside, 257-59 Hillside, 258 Hillside, 256 Hillside, 254 Hillside, 252 Hillside – all for pruning and raising.

Annual Walk-About – District 6

Fort Lee Rd north to the Hills and Broad Avenue to the east.

1.Broad Ave and Fort Lee Road. Van Orden Court and Christie Heights East of Broad Ave. (Imanta & Christine).

2.Elm Place, Beechwood, Magnolia, Woodland, Hillside to stop sign, Overlook Terrace, Hill Top Ave (Vivian & Jane).

3.Oritani, Cumley, Warwick, Linden, Hawthorne, Woodland Place (Kate).

4.Glenwood from Fort Lee Rd to cul-de-sac, Birch Lane, Vreeland from Broad to Golf Course Drive, Pine Hill Road, Dogwood, Golf Course Drive. (Julie and Gloria)

5. Grandview Terrace, Nordholf, Edgewood, Ridgeland, Fairway, Greenway Drive. (Jane and Vivian)

(New from last meeting #4 to Julie and Gloria and #5 to Jane and Vivian).

Christine & Imanta: 140 Glenwood – eval of 2 trees. Pine on Glenwood dead by lightening, hazardous and needs removal to below the powerlines by PSE&G per DPW who forwarded along request. Norway maple on Allaire side end-of-life and hazard.

New Shade Tree Ordinance for trees on private property –

Regarding private trees, fee of $350 per tree as permit. Enforcement by property maintenance enforcement discussed. Plan to list publically where arborists can learn what is required to remove a tree in the borough. Potential enforcement with a special unit.

New/Old business: None.

STC adjournment – Adjournment for the summer by motion of Gloria Arlak and a vote of the Commissioners present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Healy-Sammis.