Minutes of Leonia Shade Tree Commission’s Regular meeting held Wed. November 14, 2018

Present: Christine Healy, Imanta Bergmanis, Meghan Lutz, Julie Ulbrich, Bill Ziegler, Jane Wilson, Mark Spiegel, Kate Miraba, Gloria Arlek, Vivian DeMarco

1. The meeting is in compliance with the Open Meeting Act as of the date, time, and place of all regular meetings were filed with the Borough Clerk and had been properly publicized.
2. Oct 10, 2018 minutes approved
3. Public Portion:

4. Council Report:

1. Budget hearings Dec 1 and 15 2018 where Commissions request money for their Commissions. Public welcome

2. Town Hall meeting Nov 28 at 7:30 at LHS little theater to discuss Municipal Complex.

3. Girl Scouts attended last Council meeting and publicly asked council to ban sytrofoam. Ordinance introduced and “will be passed” Monday

4. STC tree ordinance still awaiting response from Laws and Ordinance.

5. Traffic ordinance: filed papers to remove adjudication on State level to take to Federal Court. Filed in Newark.

5. Chairperson Report:

1. Jane Wilson will be resigning Jan 1 2018.

2. Bald Cypress will be going in Wood Park

3. Walk about:

-162-150 Spring St in “bad” need of maintenance

- Gloria recommends a DPW liaison

-Christine suggested help from a HS student would be useful to help with data entry. Julie will find a HS student to help with data entry.

-Removals for Walkabout will be entered into See click Fix by Imanta/Christine.

6. Commissioners Report:

1. Julie: Bridget O’Doherty planted another tree (Vreeland)

2. Imanta: Park Ave (305 Park/Broad) - Will reassess in Spring as there is a dead space but tree otherwise looks healthy. Homeowner thinks tree is leaning toward house but tree appears straight.

3. Gloria: 350 Westview - 2 trees to be pruned. Resident informed

4. Imanta: Christie Heights - resident said tree is close to driveway and he has approval to widen driveway. Imanta is following up with Alex Torpey to find out if approval was actually verified.

5. Julie investigated bollards/treeboxes to protect trees on Broad Ave. Jane suggested planting trees next to ACS wall instead and Bill mentioned to bring it up to Alex at the next meeting because is a larger project which may

6. December meeting was voted upon and approved. Alex will be asked to come.

7. Jane Wilson: Walnut tree on Highwood (Roxanne Ettinger wants it down because it is a walnut with fruit falling)

7. Ordinance : 140 Paulin Blvd “clearcut” and there was citizen complaints - Chairpersons will reach out to Bernadette Flaime for the second time. The ordinance was on her desk last Spring.

8. CEU’s: Julie and Imanta are attending hazardous tree eval Nov 30 and will fulfill CEUs.

9. SeeClickFix: please email Imanta and Christine with problems

10. Fall Planting

Scerbo will do fall planting (29 trees…16 large) Information submitted to town and letters to be disbursed to homeowners for tree care).

David Freedman (DC Freedman LLC) also bid but too expensive.

Bill Ziegler suggested trees planted at bottom of Lakeview and he will submit resolution for DPW to prune trees on State roads.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Minutes by Julie Ulbrich