

Leonia Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2023

Present: Imanta Bergmanis, Christine Healy, John Villareal and Charles Moran (DPW), Bill Ziegler (Council Liaison), Laura-Lindsay Sewell, Soo Joung Woo, Julie Ulbrich, Kathi Verbeek, Vivian DeMarco, Mark Spiegel

Absent:

Statement of compliance with Sunshine Law

Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2023

Public Portion: Open to comments and questions from residents - No public in attendance

Council Liaison Report: Bill Ziegler

- Asked Chuck to assess a tree at the Southwest corner of Borough Place and Broad Avenue
- Reverse Angled Parking will go into effect on Broad Avenue
- Finance Committee – STC funding request was approved yesterday - \$22,000
- New renderings of new municipal building were posted on the website
- Approved the Senior Center ADA improvements
- Authorized a digital municipal sign for the “Wood Park Campus” in front of library
- Approved proposal for drainage improvements for Wood Terrace

Chairperson Report:

- Discussion of sidewalk policy
 - Bill Ziegler stated that the decision is that homeowners are responsible for their sidewalks. Borough will take the “Teaneck Approach” and share with homeowners a list of contractors who will be “tree friendly” in repairing the sidewalks, but homeowner will pay.
 - Chuck Moran will make the recommendation – emails should go to Chuck and John through the “Report an Issue” button on the Borough website
- Chairpersons will come up with a protocol for reporting tree issues
- Discussion with Chuck on trees that have come down recently. One was removed on Westview, lower Moore, 122 Sylvan

Commissioners' Reports:

- Mark stated there is a problem with the sidewalk at the corner of Hillcrest and Lakeview and the homeowner is doing nothing. John Villareal will notify

Walkabout for District 6 for 2023:

- Walkabouts need to be finished by the September meeting

Fall Planting:

- Try to find good location on walkabouts for PPP. Write down the address and mail PPP letter to homeowner, or leave one in the mailbox

Spotted Lantern Fly

- The County gave the DPW traps for SLF. There is one at the Dog Park

Media and Marketing

- Kathi sent Andrea an email about Nixle but has not heard back from her. Imanta will try her as well
- Soo translated information about SLF and posted to Korean Chat Room

NJ Model Tree Removal Ordinance

- Being revised

Substation Plantings

- Chuck mad recommendations to Drew. They put in 3 sycamores.

CEUs

- Check out what is being offered

New/Old Business – non mentioned