

Leonia Shade Tree Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2023

Present: Christine Healy, Imanta Bergmanis, Kathi Verbeek, Laura-Lindsay Sewell, Mark Spiegel, Soo Joung Woo, John Villareal and Charles Moran (DPW)

Absent: Bill Ziegler (Council Liaison), Vivian DeMarco

The meeting is compliant with the Open Meeting Act, as the date, time and place of all regular meetings were filed with the Borough Clerk and were properly publicized.

Public Portion: no public in attendance

Minutes: Approved for our August 9 meeting.

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

Council Liaison report:

- Bill Ziegler attended the Planning Board Meeting conducted same night as STC. No update for this meeting.

Chairperson report:

- 120 Maple Street requests that a Sugar Maple be planted on their property.
- Do we need a po# for Spring planting?
- 259 Broad Ave – Remove Tree across from ACS.
- 421 Park Ave – Healthy Tree, needs to be pruned.

Commissioners' Reports:

Spotted Lantern Fly:

- Traps were provided by the County. One is in the dog park.

Walk About – District 6 for 2023:

- Complete in October.
- Let John Villareal know about any trees that need immediate attention.
- Imanta will create a google worksheet so that we can each record the tree inventory.

ACS Girl Scout Project:

- Donating a tree to be planted at ACS.

Sidewalk Policy:

- Residents are responsible for the repair of their sidewalks even if it is a town tree that has uprooted/damaged it. Will ask for guidance from Town Attorney for town trees that have uprooted as to how to respond to resident's if they voice their concern.
 - 321 Magnolia
 - 9 Palmer
 - 40 Linden Terrace
 - 208 Highwood Ave

Fall Planting 2023:

- Planting to occur in mid-October. Identify 25 locations both town and private property locations.

Media and Marketing:

- Create Tax Bill insert that includes updated STC ordinance denoting \$1500 fine, Private Planting program and the need for volunteers for STC committee. "Be part of the solution."
- New Resident Site email template sent to new Leonians.

CEUs – Core:

- **Review what programs are being offered.**

New/Old Business:

- Need volunteer replacements for STC. Julie Ulbrich has resigned from STC.
- Advertise need for STC volunteer committee members on Tax Bill