

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON July 9, 2020 AT
7:30 PM

PRESENT:

Beverley Sherrid, Co-Chair	Marlene Star
Gail Koller, Co-Chair	Dan Sarnoff, Asst village manager
Sean Gormley	Nora Lucas, Trustee/TC Liaison
Hon. George Latimer, Westchester County executive	

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:57 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Beverley makes motion to approve February 27, 2020 minutes; Gail seconds the motion. All in favor.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

Comments from Residents

Daffodils requested by Kelly Susa along Boston Post Rd. Dan to follow up with Harbor Island Conservancy.

Administrative recommendations from Stuart Tiekert:

- List of trained Citizen Pruners
- List of trees pruned by Citizen Pruners
- List of significant trees
- List of Heritage trees

- List of trained Citizen Pruners to be compiled as soon as participants have registered with VOM police and receive ID
- Response of Village Manager with lists he does have. Beverley said once we have tree inventory, other lists can be addressed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Tree Ordinance update. Meeting to be held July 13 to go over 20th draft. Then hope to schedule public hearing in September.

Revised list of recommended species, procedures for selecting species to be prepared by Beverley (to come)

Watering program began June 22.

Tree Maintenance Issues

1533 Raleigh Road -- evergreen assessed? (Con Ed pruned V cut)
214 Delancey -- Low hanging branches were pruned back.
601-699 Bloomdale Ave -- severely rotted base. To be assessed
564 The Parkway -- Hazardous tree in median to be assessed
520 Brook -- Dead tree for removal/*per Sean, on removal list*

702 Prospect – tree crack from ConEd pruning. To be assessed
640 E. BPR on N. Barry, hit by car, to be removed
208 N. Barry Ave topped, dead. To be removed. Resident to be reminded not to top replacement tree.
512 Claflin – Dead tree. To be removed
725 The Parkway. Decayed tree on median. To be assessed
Parkway at So. Barry median. Small dead tree to be removed
Dead tree in ROW by Water Treatment. Remove and replant
Leaning tree at Fairway Lane & Orienta. Was straightened
Harbor Isl. Park tree facing bandshell needs pruning
Waverly Ave – 3 trees on ROW dead, Christy checking if owner is responsible
Orienta Ave near 7 Oaks Lane. Elms damaged. To be assessed

Violations

427 E BPR tree topping (Dunkin Donuts) violation. Dan to update status
717 The Parkway. Needs to be fined for illegal pruning

5. NEW BUSINESS

County Executive George Latimer attended the meeting to say that Westchester County has funds available for planting new trees on County property in the VOM. Dan to use geographic info system to find possible sites for TreeCom to recommend to board of trustees.

Code enforcer role: Dan to let TreeCom know what is done in event of violations.

Other Questions:

Pruning of larger elms on Carroll Ave. to be arranged
Stuart Tiekert regarding removal of trees at Bellows and on
Guion Drive, Village Manager responded
NYS Grant for inventory, planting, maintenance. Dan to update

Fall Planting

Currently budgeted \$30,000 for new trees
Fall 2019 trees cost \$365/tree; Fall 2020 would allow 82 trees
Site list needed asap to include: Mamaroneck Ave. (5 sites)
RFP should include final list of sites planted by nursery (Bev)
Small trees planted on sites designated for large trees to be relocated.

Tree inventory update

Deferred by budget limitations
Significant Trees list to be compiled
Hazardous tree assessment After Rushmore Ave VOM property clearcutting, protocols to be discussed at next meeting.
TreeCom to research large salt-hardy trees for that spot,

TD Green Streets grant application -- was not awarded

Rye Code restrictions on utility pruning. Dan to discuss w/lawyer.

Planning Board tree recos -- Bev to contact with species recommendations and planting guidelines.

Fall Tree Walk

Sunday October 18 (raindate 10/25)

Calendar Notes

Next regular meeting Aug 20