

February 23, 2021 MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON February 23, 2021 AT 7:35 PM

PRESENT:

Nora Lucas, trustee
Gail Koller, co-chair
Beverley Sherrid, co-chair
Wendy Zoland
Marlene Star
Sean Gormley
Ellen Axelrod

Guest Attendee - Laura Horner

1. Call to Order: 7:35PM

2. Approval of January Minutes

3. **Old Business:**

- a. 305 Fourth Street - Tree removal was discussed regarding maintenance of elm tree with broken limbs and has been poorly pruned
- b. Laura Horner (guest attendee) is interested in pruning program. Jerry Barberio can provide her with a vest.
- c. Metro-North Trees Removed along Bishop and Hoyt
We have been trying for years to get them to approve planting replacement trees on Bishop. The trees would be planted by the Village on Metro-North property.

Arborvitae was suggested since they grow narrowly, not too high and they provide a nice, year-round foliage. It was suggested that one of the Bishop Street residents can start a petition with community signatures to show their support.

- d. Guidelines for Proposing Significant Trees - Guidelines will be researched by Joe Colombo
- e. Tree inventory - Local high school students may be recruited for the service support by Jerry Barberio. This is a good socially distancing project for the students.
- f. More Guided Tree Walk This has been a safe and enjoyable activity particularly during COVID. Jason Pinot will be contacted regarding planning monthly tree walks.
- g. Planning Board, A liaison for the Planning Board is needed. Beverley has agreed to provide a proposal for which will cover:
 - i. Sidewalk repairs using structural soil
 - ii. Tree well planting guidelines
 - iii. Distances from stop signs & corners
 - iv. Ongoing maintenance of trees, particularly street trees
 - v. Recommend species suited to locations

4. New Business

- a. 812 Stuart Avenue – Beverley shared a photo of a large tree whose roots are causing the sidewalk to buckle. Structural soil is recommended for the repair so the tree roots can be protected. A letter was written to Jerry Barberio who forwarded it to Mayor Tom Murphy.
- b. Beverley talked about a webinar she attended sponsored by NYS Urban Forestry.
- c. Donations to Tree Fund – A proposed solution was discussed regarding resident donations to help fund the tree program. It was suggested that a web page on the Village of Mamaroneck's website would be good place

for the community to be able to donate to the Tree Committee's tree fund. This was unanimously approved by the Tree Committee. It was proposed by Gail Koller, and seconded by Marlene Star.

d. Potential additions to species - In keeping with the need to promote diversity among the Village trees, three additional species were recommended. They are noted below with restrictions indicated:

- i. Paw Paw Tree – parks not street (multi stem), not near LI Sound (salt intolerant)
- ii. Kentucky Coffee Tree -- female trees drop seed pods (plant male trees only)
- iii. Linden Tree – no restrictions

5. Other Business:

a. Burying Power Lines - Mondaire Jones, Congressman for Port Chester/Rye/Rockland, has indicated that burying power lines may be included in the Infrastructure Bill. Beverley will write to our congressional representative regarding this request.

6. Next regular meeting Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 7:30PM

7. ADJOURNED 8:30 PM