

March 23rd 2021 MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON March 23, 2021 AT 7:30 PM

PRESENT:

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

1. Call to Order: 7:38PM
2. Approval of February Minutes
3. Comment from Resident
 - a. Linda Meehan commented regarding the tree stump removal from 704 Shore Acres Drive. 5 elms that were sick were removed and the stumps were taken out. Linda said they did an amazing job and they were a very nice group of guys.
 - b. Kate Weingarten requested clean up and removal of dead trees at the Guion Bird Sanctuary. There are invasive bittersweet vines on the trees.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. 305 Fourth Street - (November business) Resident requested removal of large, healthy tree and

replacement with small, flowering tree. Request has been made several times; tree has been healthy; Tony will inspect since we do not take out healthy trees.

Wendy suggested that we should inspect it every year.

- b. 404 & 407 Creek Road– Two trees a Cherry and an Elm were pruned incorrectly by the residents. A pruning request was made to Jerry and Tony for broken and poorly pruned limbs.
- c. Harbor Island Park, “HIP” near Firemen’s Memorial (discussed with Barry) Bradford Pear growing within the limbs of healthy evergreen needs to come out.
- d. Florence Park Tree is wrapped with yellow tape. No pink dots on it, and the tree looks healthy. It would really benefit from some pruning. Beverley reached out to Jeff, Tony and Jerry on this.
- e. Were Violations issued for 717 The Parkway tree topped by residents and 625 Brook on N. Barry, two trees topped.
- f. New Tree Plantings – Full planting will happen in the Spring. 21 small trees held over from Fall list are on order. Jerry is researching trees that were not in stock. Beverley provided new sites to Jerry. Jerry’s comment regarding the plantings: “Planting bareroot trees is a big step for us and everyone on this email is to be congratulated. We **reduced the cost** of street trees by at least **65% while at the same time increased** survival rate and locations where we could plant. That is a BIG deal.”
- g. Resident New Tree Requests were received and reviewed. Sean has an inventory of some that he will send to the committee.
- h. Water Treatment Plantings Request – Dan Sarnoff requested a county map of the underground architecture to ensure appropriate locations for trees.

Beverley followed up with a request to George Latimer and will also follow up with a phone call.

- i. Metro-North Trees Removed along Bishop and Hoyt
Wendy will reach out to Amy Biscignani to see if she would be willing to start a petition. 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.
- j. Tree Donation Fund - Jeff Ahne, foreman of parks, reached out regarding donating trees. He would like a standardized donation process.
- k. Guidelines for Proposing Significant Trees is a work in progress. Joe investigated the process with other municipalities on this. (Scarsdale and Rye).
- l. Tree inventory - Local high school students are not doing senior internships due to COVID. Marlene will call schools to suggest volunteering for the inventory for community service credit. Gail suggested to put a request on the nextdoor app for community assistance.
- m. Guided Tree Walk - Jocelyn Kleinman of Sheldrake Environmental Center will oversee the walk. Gurion Bird Sanctuary was suggested. The dates recommended were May 16th and a rain date of May 23rd both Sundays at 1PM.

5. New Business

- a. Essential Workers Tribute - Proposal by Arts Council to create a living tribute for the Village of Mamaroneck, "VOM" essential workers during the pandemic. Beverley recommended that it be located on Rushmore side of HIP. Request was for 10-12 trees in a circle. Sample

photos were submitted. White Oaks were suggested since they can take the salt and help with flooding. Nora will work with Arts Council and Recreation and Parks Commission on this request.

- b. Tree City recertification application is incomplete – We need to send signature page from George Profous, Senior Forester, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- c. Clean Up Green Up Day Event – May 1st and rain date May 2nd._ Discussed having a Tree Committee booth to educate community on how trees are beneficial to the environment. Wendy and Ellen volunteered. Beverley to find out if we can have a table. Gail will order supplies.

6. Other Business:

- a. 858 Palmer Ave – Young elm branch is broken and tree is split and needs to be removed. Picture was shared.
- b. Jeff Ahn needs to be reminded by May the need for water bags for new trees planted over the past two years.

7. Next regular meeting Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:30PM

8. ADJOURNED 8:47 PM