

## June 24th 2021 MINUTES

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON June 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 AT 7:30PM

#### PRESENT:

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

Daniel Kerson attended

1. Call to Order: 7:35PM

2. Approval of May's Minutes as well as August and Sept of 2020.

#### 3. **Correspondence:**

- a. 288 Prospect Ave – Large tree, 90 years old, removed at 311 Prospect and will be replaced in a year
- b. 402 Heathcote – Two VOM oaks removed
- c. 700 Fenimore -- Tree split and Jerry will inspect it
- d. 138 Jensen – Sap on car is due to airborne pollen. Sean will explain to writer, Lisa Axisa.
- e. Bleecker @ Orienta & Walton –Several trees on Bleecker across the road from Walton, and going towards Claflin. Appears to be fungus on trees; needs to be inspected.
- f. 130 Beach Ave – Tree Committee is not responsible for tree removal.

#### 4. **Old Business:**

- a. Trees For Maintenance & Removals-- List is being kept up.
- b. Tree Removals HIP near Firemen's Memorial -- Bradford pear growing within the limbs of healthy evergreen. They are not beneficial for each other so the pear was removed.
- c. New Trees - HIP cherry trees – should be inspected, some need to be replaced.
- d. Westchester County - VOM to incorporate new trees into dog park design. Jerry will work with county about providing trees on county property by water treatment plant?
- e. MetroNorth Trees Replacement - Village Manager is working with MetroNorth on plan along Bishop to replace trees that will not interfere with powerlines. The plan will require resident approval.
- f. Tree Inventory - Three Rye Neck students have volunteered to conduct the inventory and will receive training and VOM badges. They will also be given pruner vests and Jerry will order them.
- g. Tree Ordinance – Developer has cut down 50-60 mature trees at 1010 Orienta Ave. Currently there is no approval process for this. The VOM needs a tree ordinance to protect mature trees. Nora shared the TOM's tree laws.
- h. Guided Tree Walk – Fall walk will continue from the Spring walk going along the Parkway. Date scheduled is October 17<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Rain date is October 24<sup>th</sup>. Tree Committee will sponsor. an online talk with Douglas Tallamy on October 14th, author of *The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees* and *Bringing Nature Home*. Program will be a partnership with Mamaroneck Public Library, which will host the program and also publicize it. Prior to the online talk there will be a book discussion on Wednesday, September 29th, 7:00 pm, led by Beverley Sherrid
- i. Tree Canopy – Beverly shared information from Ellen Silver regarding tree canopy. The minimum canopy recommended is 40%. Concerns were raised regarding VOM's shrinking canopy.
- j. Protective Mulch Rings – Rings will be placed around the base of trees to see if they will prevent damage from trimmers.
- k. Citizen Pruner – Jerry ordered vest for Pruners to read "VOM Citizen Pruner".

- I. Seek – an excellent free app that identifies plants and animals. It is very user friendly and can be downloaded to your smart phone.

**5. New Business**

- a. Propose a new version of tree ordinance. Nora to help expediate to get it on the next BOT agenda which is schedule for July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Next regular meeting Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 7:30PM. Meetings are now required to be in person not on Zoom due new COVID regulations. Nora to check on available location.

**6. ADJOURNED 8:52 PM**