

September 28th 2021 MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON September 28th 2021 AT 8:00PM

PRESENT:

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

Robert Ingenito joined at 9:15PM

1. Call to Order: 8:04PM
2. Approval of June Minutes – one change made for the spelling of Dan Karson
3. **Correspondence:**

130 Beach – A situation was reported in which a tree was braced beyond its first year after transplant. Continued bracing provides no benefit and actually inhibits the tree's development. Jerry took care of the bracing.

502 Orienta & 405 Fairway Green - regarding proposed tree ordinance – two supportive emails for much needed tree ordinance

325 Anita Lane - regarding overdevelopment risks, loss of trees, and request for stronger protections of trees. In anticipation of tree law passing, Jerry mentioned screening for an arborist and specific qualifications required

1040 Seven Oaks, 622 Stiles, 1346 Raleigh Road – all are inquiries regarding requests for the planting of trees by VOM

Walnut Street tree violation rectification – Trees were removed and plantings are needed. Jerry clarified plantings and locations that will benefit the community.

4. Old Business:

- a. Trees For Maintenance & Removals-All trees on list were removed or pruned.
- b. New Tree Ordinance – a public hearing was held on September 27th which included the proposed tree law. Village attorney detailed the law. The vote will occur on at the October 12th Board of Trustees meeting. Discussion was had regarding Tree Committee speakers, getting community support and getting people in the community to talk at the October 12 Board of Trustees meeting. The proposed code and concerns of 1010 Orienta clear cutting were discussed as well. Correspondence was received from community members indicating their support and concerns. Beverley will create a FAQ document for the new law.
- c. New Trees – trees donated by Mangone's and Larchmont Nurseries last spring will be planted in the parks. These trees were considered a very generous gift. Residential locations suggested last spring will be added to the fall list of plantings currently in formation. HIP cherry trees to be inspected and a ribbon will be placed on those to be replaced. Wendy, Marlene and Beverley volunteered to inspect cherry trees. Mulch rings needed to be re-done due to Hurricane Ida.
- d. Tree Inventory – inventory in process. An app is used by volunteers to ID the trees. App is "Plant Finder.
- e. MetroNorth Along Bishop - Working to Restore Buffer for Residential Neighborhood in Mamaroneck. Government officials are working with Metro-North.
- f. Dog Park – Waiting for trees from county.
- g. Essential Workers Tribute This has been delayed until Spring because of Hurricane Ida. Work is in progress for trees and benches. Recommended trees are four white oaks and four sweet gums.
- h. Citizen Pruners – Police produce photo IDs by appointment. Plan to have a workshop in early November on pruning coinciding with CFTE Cleanup Day.

5. New Business

- a. Rye Neck High School - is looking for a social science project that benefits trees.

6. Calendar Notes

- a. The “Nature of Oaks” book discussion on September 29th at 7PM at Mamaroneck Library event led by Beverley. Douglas Tallamy the author will speak on October 14th on Zoom.
- b. Guided tree walk scheduled for Sunday, October 17th at 1PM at The Parkway and Boston Post Road.

7. Other Business

- a. Discussion of trees in wet areas and long-term planning in light of Hurricane Ida and in anticipation of the new tree law. Gail shared a website regarding trees for wet areas. A plan is needed for long-term planning to help develop the canopy and creating a VOM nursery was suggested. Potential grant money can fund and volunteers can assist.
- b. Marlene mentioned how pesticides are impacting neighborhood trees. Jerry mentioned environmentally safe alternatives for killing weeds.
- c. PH testing suggested in order to increase tree survival rates.
- d. It was suggested by Jerry that a Tree Committee member should be on the VOM Planning Board.

8. Next regular meeting Thursday, October 28th, 2021 at 7:30PM

9. ADJOURNED 9:58 PM