

# MARCH 10, 2022 MINUTES

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON MARCH 10TH AT 7:30PM

### PRESENT:

Nora Lucas, trustee  
Gail Koller, co-chair  
Beverley Sherrid, co-chair  
Marlene Star  
Ellen Axelrod  
Sarah Mignano

1. Call to Order: 7:33PM
2. Approval of February Minutes – Approved
3. Welcomed new committee member Sarah Mignano
4. Visitors at the meeting included George Latimer, County Executive and Dennis Drohan, Asst Building Inspector

### 5. **Correspondence:**

205 Melbourne - A branch of a tree removed by VOM had grown around an overhead wire. A portion of the branch was left hanging from the wire and was in risk of falling. It could have caused major damage if it fell. TC was emailed by resident and Jerry Barberio contacted Verizon, which came and removed the branch. The tree was leaning and created a hazard for children at the neighboring nursery school, as well as for pedestrians.

130 Beach – Resident is questioning removal of the tree at 205 Melbourne.

### **Old Business:**

- a. Across the street from 749 Bleeker ROW – Gail to follow-up with Jerry Barberio on assessment of tree marked for removal. Trying to save tree for the benefit of the ospreys.
- b. 1505 Harrison Ave. Application pending for removal of two protected trees.

- c. 1505 Stoneybrook Ave. – Resident requested removal of 12 trees. Request was denied.
- d. Rye Neck Social Action Research – Beverley reviewed the draft of survey for distribution. Once approved by the VOM, the survey will be emailed to residents.
- e. New Tree Law Enforcement – 990 The Parkway to be reviewed by Jerry. Tree was topped and severely pruned. Frank Tavalacci, VOM Building Inspector, confirmed ROW and a permit. 1037 Orienta – Tree removal application denied for protected trees. This helped to prevent clear cutting.
- f. New Trees – Order was placed for 36 trees to be planted in the fall.
- g. Tree Law – Awaiting approval of requested revisions by Board of Trustees.
- h. Tree Tags for New Trees – Gail is working on the sample.
- i. BOT Tree Scholarships – Awaiting approval from AG for BROW
- j. Tree Hotline – A uniform calling list is being established to report possible illegal removals. In the meantime, Dennis Drogan offered his numbers for emergency calls regarding cutting and pruning. His numbers are (914) 777-7731 (office) and (914) 330-6753 (cell).
- k. Tree Damage by Con Ed – Strategy and filing of damage is being organized. George Latimer offered assistance on dealing with Utility Companies.

## **6. New Business:**

- a. “Tree Donuts” watering system test planned – Donuts collect rain water when available and helps water the trees thereafter. It reduces labor and fuels costs. Protects younger trees from tree damage.
- b. 314 Carroll, Relocation of WJWW equipment - DPW General Foreman Mark Ferraro met with WJWW and they were able to install equipment without harming the tree roots.
- c. Financial Effects of Planting Trees Around Private Residences - Matt is working on this.
- d. Possible Joint Book Discussion – Working on selecting the right book and partnering with Mamaroneck Library.
- e. TC Committee Field Trip – Nora is checking to see if The TC can do a field trip. Gail volunteered to guide a tour at Sheldrake Environmental Center. Bub Walker Park by I-95 was mentioned as well.

- f. Village Nursery – Nora mentioned a foster program for residents to take care of trees in the community.
- 7. Calendar Notes
  - a. Next meeting Thursday, April 28th, 2022 at 7:30PM
  - b. Tree walk scheduled – Florence Park at 1PM on May 1<sup>st</sup>, rain date May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - c. Clean Day & Green Day - May7th at 9:30AM
- 8. ADJOURNED – 9:45 PM