

## April 28, 2022 MINUTES

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON April 28th AT 7:30PM

#### PRESENT:

Nora Lucas, trustee  
Gail Koller, co-chair  
Beverley Sherrid, co-chair  
Marlene Star  
Ellen Axelrod  
Sarah Mignano  
Jerry Barberio, Village Manager  
Deborah Plachta, resident

1. Call to Order: 7:35PM
2. Approval of amended January and March Minutes – Approved
3. Visitors at the meeting – Deborah Plachta

#### 4. **Correspondence:**

**130 Stuart Ave** - Regarding Implicit Bias in Tree Canopy. Recommended list to be reviewed with consideration for BROW plantings.

**702 Prospect** - Regarding New Tree Location. Beverley met with home owner and resolved where to plant the new tree. Owner mentioned an opportunity for church to help with Citizen Pruners.

**739 Bleecker** - Regarding 8 ROW trees marked for removal. Jerry and Gail looked them over and changed the status of five trees from removal to needing pruning. Deborah, the home owner, was pleased.

#### 5. **Old Business:**

##### a. Trees For Maintenance, Removal, or Evaluation

- i. List of trees requested for removal was reviewed
- ii. Tree in HIP behind 412 Rushmore - Gail to review and update what is needed for staked/propped up tree
- iii. 812 Stuart Avenue – Tree roots disrupting sidewalk. Jerry will inspect site.

- b. Hotline - currently using Dennis Drohan's cell and it is working. Quick response on a neighbor calling regarding a possible removal without a permit on Soundview.
- c. Rye Neck Social Action Research – 18 responses to the survey. Survey investigated residents' perspectives on sustaining urban forest and perspectives on new tree law. Survey data and analysis suggests that it is likely that the Tree Survey respondents are civically engaged, support the Tree Law, and understand the value that trees bring to our community. Suggestion was made for the Tree Committee to continue to find ways to educate and build community interest regarding the benefits of a tree canopy.
- d. Enforcement Action –
  - i. 990 The Parkway – violation issued
  - ii. 1000 The Parkway – needs inspection for potential violation
  - iii. Nautilus Diner – empty tree well – illegal pruning of ROW
- e. VOM Tree Inventory – There will be a free workshop in early May presented by the Bartlett Tree Experts on chipping, pruning etc. for staff, Park and VPW personnel.
- f. BROW and BOT "Tree Scholarships" have been referred to NYS AG for opinion – pending approval
- g. Tree Tags for New Trees – Requirements for tags were discussed. QR codes with facts about the tree and its care. Jason Pinto can help with QR codes.
- h. Tree Damage by Con Ed – Beverley to document photos for support.
- i. Tree Nursery – Establish a program with continuity to help build VOM tree canopy. Potential area for nursery is near the community garden by I-95. A socket pot nursery was suggested for ease in transferring trees when ready for planting. 1/2 caliper diameter trunk trees were suggested as well. TC and Jerry to meet to review property.

## 6. New Business:

- a. Tree Law revisions –
  - i. Planning Board recommendations are pending with BOT
  - ii. Vote on - Clarification of §318-8 – Guidelines for fallen trees was reviewed and approved by TC for recommendation of BOT.
- b. Spring Trees Inspection – Inspection completed. 36 trees will be delivered and planted very soon.

- c. Fall Trees –
    - i. Bishop across from Metro North – planting of arborvitae will be revisited as well as planting on ROW on lawns.
    - ii. Bare root trees were recommended for many locations.
    - iii. Planning to coordinate tree purchases with Larchmont
  - d. McMichael's Boat Yard - request for beautification on the ROW in front of their wall and plant three (3) Hawthorne Winter trees. Jerry to advise on trees to be considered.
  - e. Financial Effects of Planting Trees Around Private Residences – pending with Matt
  - f. Heritage Tree List –
    - i. 507 Revere Road Tree – historic landmark tree needs pruning
    - ii. List of Heritage tree - list of nominations and procedures for process are needed
  - g. Arbor Day Observance - A tree will be planted on May 11th at 10AM in front of the courthouse in honor of Arbor Day
7. **Calendar Notes:**
- a. Clean and Green Day – May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM – TC will have a table with brochures and Gail will provide tree seeds to distribute for attendees to plant.
  - b. Tree walk in Florence Park - at 1PM on May 15<sup>th</sup> and rain date on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - c. Next meeting Thursday, May 26th, 2022 at 7:30PM
8. ADJOURNED – 9:14 PM