

May 26, 2022 MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON MAY 26th AT 7:30PM

PRESENT:

Nora Lucas, trustee
Gail Koller, co-chair
Beverley Sherrid, co-chair
Marlene Star
Ellen Axelrod
Jerry Barberio, Village Manager
Arlene Novich, Resident
Ginny Seward, Resident

1. Call to Order: 7:41PM
2. Approval of amended April Minutes – Approved
3. Visitors at the meeting Arlene Novich and Ginny Seward

Arlene, chairman of the Town of Mamaroneck Sustainability Committee, was asking about VOM tree law and possible collaboration between the Village and with the TOM. Details of Village's activity with regard to tree law, plantings, maintenance, watering approach, staffing and citizen pruners. Jerry will work with her on collaboration efforts.

Ginny of 310 Orienta Ave requested tree services for ROW tree planted by public works on her property. Jerry will meet with her to review the situation and how to proceed.

4. **Correspondence:**

Request for approved arborist - VOM ISA certified arborist will be posted on Tree Committee web page through ISA.org link

1402 Franklin Ave - Request to remove and replace two dead ROW trees in the fall

702 Prospect – Thank you note for fall planting of new tree

629 Fairway Ave - replacement tree request & stump grinding – Beverley responded to request and a new tree will be planted in the fall

Orienta Ave and Sylvan Lane bike path - two ROW trees need care – Jerry will take a look

580 Lawn Terrace, New Tree - Residents decided to accept new sweet gum tree in their ROW

410 Delancey - Problem with encroaching tree roots - Jerry will work with Westfair Property Mgmt. Co. to replace buckling asphalt

228 Prospect - Thank you note for the new tree

540 Lawn Terrace - Thank you note for New Trees

617 Brook – Resident asked for instructions about caring for tree; Jerry will provide a Cornell fact sheet

5. Old Business:

List of stumps & trees for removal from TC - This will be a project for the fall/winter

412 Rushmore – young tree needs staking and straightening

812 Stuart – Multiple problems with tree– Jerry will remove tree. Repair work is needed for catch basin and pipe below it.

Bud Walker Park - invasive Bittersweet vine and dead tree need to be removed

Shore Acres Drive by the Bird Sanctuary near S. Barry - Bittersweet invasive vine will be removed as a rainy days' project. Jerry will inspect for hazardous trees along the road and path but not in the interior, as this land is a wildlife sanctuary. As part of VOM flood mitigation efforts, the Village is cleaning branches and debris from rivers and creeks, leaving stumps in place along the banks for stability.

Waverly @ Fennimore - Dead tree in tree well. Jerry said this actually is the responsibility of the owner, however we can replace it in the fall

305 Carrol Ave and Lorena St. - Tree was placed on pruning list

405 Fourth Street – Tree placed on pruning list. Significance of green ties around trees – tree has been marked for permit inspection.

List of Public and Private Tree Removals & Applications – Ongoing list provided by Beverley for committee information

Establishing VOM Policy for treatment of trees interfering with sidewalks – Jerry requested a site visit before next TC meeting to discuss a solution
Locations include Knollwood, 411 Beach and others

Hotline for reporting tree law violations – During the week, report to Building Department; on weekend residents can call police. Village may specify that approved tree removal form can should be posted on residents'

front door for community to see. Currently the Building Department does not have weekend coverage.

Spring trees have been planted

Tree Walk in Florence Park – was on May 15 - 17 attended (40+ registered)

Tree Law

- Planning Board revisions are pending with BOT
- County will circulate copy of law & FAQ to all arborist and removal companies registered with the county
- Copy of Westchester County Ordinances, by village, Regulating Trees on Private Property was shared
- New Rochelle Asking for VOM Tree Law for updates – Jerry will send a copy of our tree laws
- Question regarding TOM tree law for replacing trees – It is handled in TOM by the Environmental Planner with additional details.
 - Tree Tags for New Trees - NYC Parks tree tag “I’M YOUR NEW TREE TAG” was shared. Discussed design of tag, print and material must be water resistant.
- Tree Nursery update – Gail provided details on plans for the nursery which will be at Bud Walker Park. She requested to save ½ gallon juice and milk containers for seedlings.
- Clean & Green update – Good turn-out of both adults and children for planting Oak seedlings for trees. It was requested that next year we should be located by the Marine Education Center at HIP.

6. New Business:

a. Fall Trees –

- i. BROW scholarships pending with NYS AG
- ii. Bud Walker Park to be considered for the fall
- iii. Bishop across from Metro North line will receive evergreens to soften it up and have small, flowering trees planted in ROW
- iv. Plan to use bare root trees extensively but not exclusively
- v. Plans to coordination bare root orders with Village of Larchmont

b. Library Centennial Tree – Proposed plan to plant a Tupelo commemorative tree with a plaque at the Rushmore Ave playground in Harbor Island Park

c. Request to Plant Trees in ROW - McMichael’s still pending

- d. VOM-wide investigation into feasibility of moving ConEd trees underground – items to be considered include power losses from frequent severe storms, financial hardship for remote workers, damage to street trees and aesthetics. Jerry will set up meeting with ConEd.
- e. Dedicated Tree Committee e-blast list was requested - Jerry said it can be done.
- f. Heritage Tree List - Need to prepare list plus nomination procedures
- g. Financial effects of planting trees around private residences
Matt to prepare
- h. Arbor-trary Day - observed on May 11 - white dogwood planted at courthouse. Event went well. TC attended the planting.

7. Calendar Notes:

IN PERSON - Next meeting Thursday, June 23rd, 2022 at 7:30PM – location TBA

8. ADJOURNED – 10:12 PM