

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON June 23rd
AT 7:30PM

PRESENT:

Nora Lucas, trustee
Gail Koller, co-chair
Beverley Sherrid, co-chair
Marlene Star
Ellen Axelrod
Arlene Novich, Town of Mamaroneck

1. Call to Order: 7:34PM
2. Approval of May Minutes – Approved
3. Visitor at the meeting - Arlene Novich

Arlene, chairman of the Town of Mamaroneck Sustainability Committee mentioned the map of heritage trees should include estimated age of tree and facts about it. Question was raised if heritage can be on both public and private property.

4. **Correspondence:**

540 Lawn Terrace –They are so happy with tree received they are requesting two more trees

5. **Old Business: Maintenance, Removal, or Evaluation** Please provide street numbers when reporting tree-related issues
- a. 127-139 Highview - tree was added to list of trees to take down
 - b. Palmer Terrace, Palmer Court: multiple trees to be pruned-
Gail will give update on Palmer Terrace pruning list

Public and Private Tree Removals & Applications –

- List of Tree approved and denied removals was provided.
Removing private trees requires ROW and permit application
- Top of Ridge Redevelopment – awaiting permit for redevelopment to take down trees. Two large trees may be requested to be taken down and they may be protected. require permit.

ConEd Underground Wires

- Research on effects of bad pruning
- Looking to provide documents with scientific information on the impact of bad pruning regarding disease and decay of trees.

Tree Law – Replacement Planting

- 818 Walton/Almstead – lot size concerns for two replacement trees. Donating trees may be a viable solution. Jerry to inspect planted trees.
- 1505 Stoneybrook – 10 trees were removed due to health and safety issues and owners claims that trees may be too much for the parcel of land. Informed owners that TC is not involved in tree law enforcement. Tom Murphy responded to a letter reiterating the tree law and its importance. Jerry will assess what will be planted and then inspect the plantings.
- Weekend protocol currently is to call the police if there may be an unpermitted removal in process – Jerry advised that permit should be displayed which helps educate the community about the approval process.
- BROW status still unresolved following BOT request to NYS for opinion

j. Tree Nursery update - Location will be Bud Walker Park near I-95. Requirements were discussed. Raised beds and pot sleeves for seedlings. The trees will be young with 1 1/2" caliper and easy to transplant. Will need a watering system. Chicken wire for protection. Coordinate with Renee Crabtree who is the contact for the Community Garden.

6. New Business:

- a. VOM Budget – Was approved on June 1st, 2022, and established a line for maintenance pruning
- b. Library Centennial Tree - A Tupelo tree will be planted in HIP with a plaque. Jeff Ahen, General Forman of VOM Parks, will recommend a good place for the tree.
- c. Citizen Pruners Workshop – Will take place in the October/November time frame. 3 people are already interested. It was mentioned that suckers or dead branches can be pruned at any time of the year.
- d. American Chestnut Seeds - Research is being done to bring back the American Chestnut Tree. It was the dominate tree during the 20th century. Chinese and American chestnuts were blended to protect trees from the blight which wiped out the American Chestnut. We will try to get seeds for our nursery.
- e. A Book Discussion on *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben will be an on-line event hosted by the MPL and led

by Beverley Sherrid. It will take place on - Sept 15, 2021 at 7PM via Zoom.

- f. Heritage Tree List – Process and requirements need to be defined. Scarsdale shared their process which TC will use and modify. A sub-committee was requested to define characteristics: size, caliper, species, nomination process etc. Also mentioned to consider a heritage tree street.
 - g. Financial effects of planting trees around private residences – still pending
 - h. TBA date for field meeting regarding sidewalk interference from tree roots (Knollwood @ Crown Ct) will be re-scheduled
7. **Other Business** - It was mentioned that the Tree Management Plan is outdated. Nora will distribute the final plan to the TC
8. **Calendar Notes:**
- IN PERSON - Next meeting Thursday, July 28th, 2022 at 7:30PM – location TBA
 - September 15, 2022 – Online book discussion 7:00 pm, *The Hidden Life of Trees*
9. ADJOURNED – 8:19 PM