

## **7:40 PM VOM Tree Committee Minutes – October 17, 2022**

Quorum!

Beverley Sherrid, Krishna Finkenberg, Sara Mignano, Gail Koller, Nora Lucas

No changes to accept last month's meeting minutes.

Comments from residents: None.

### **Correspondence**

130 Beach questions regarding where and how we are planting trees

1505 Stoneybrook, tree permit to remove a dozen trees and now they are not replanting.

1311 Franklin permit denial repeal

Carroll – Jeff Langus (resident) distressed the removal of a large healthy trees (100 year old Linden, many others lost during large storm about 15 years ago.)

### **Old Business**

Bare root trees planted this fall as the tree grows the roots grow in unconstrained way in comparison to the ball and burlap. This is one of many reasons bare root is being used now.

Robert Ingenito, works part time, might handle PR/ community outreach to notify the residents a tree will be removed. Similar to how a tree being planted is notified to the residents. Jerry's office can create a process to handle this outreach.

Last Spring (2022) 33 trees were planted, horrible drought followed and many residents proactively watered the trees. Great positive response and support!

Halstead new sidewalk grant proposal, bump outs, big project to cross Halstead, still in the design phase from Railroad to Harrison 4million dollar project with grant money. Beverley contacted Dan Sarnoff to include structural soil under the sidewalk so trees may grow. Trees might be only on the bump out. Gail says bump out obscures the sightline and sometimes trees get removed in the end.

James Barney maintenance, pruning & removal assessments, needs monthly request, not ad hoc; submitted as a spreadsheet. Notify Beverly (not Jerry or James) pruning and removal evaluation lists.

Orienta/ Sylvan lane tree? Gail will follow up if the tree remains and needs removal.

List of Village tree removals: Right of Way, Parks

Tree Permit Removal Application: 4 came in the last month

Tree removed on 10 Oaks Lane. Permit?

Can you navigate the Village website to see if your neighbor has filed a permit? What is the protocol for reporting tree removal? Someone tried to contacting VOM/ Jerry's office and no

one was available to take the call. What to do when a tree is about to come down and you are unsure there is a permit. Email Dennis/ Building Dept?

Approved permits should be public information/ transparent on the website. Robert and Sally handle the postings.

What is the process for putting together a process? Nora will follow up with Jerry.

### **Tree Law Update**

Revisions due Wednesday morning. Beverly's August changes did not make it into the draft.

Draft was circulated to Planning Board, which requested a couple of other changes.

October 12, 2021 Tree law implementation, just passed the one year anniversary!

**Fall planting-** new sites, Beverly originally had 280 sites, 40 responded saying they do or don't want trees. Some new sites added, now proposing 261.

Request to start a list of potential new tree locations. Constraints, 20 feet from the corner. If overhead wires exist, must be a small flowering tree, open space. Tree law was passed to plant beyond the right of way, with permission of owner. BROW and proposed scholarship to do this was challenged after law was passed, now waiting to hear opinion of State Attorney General. Parks to be planted: (12) Warren Ave Park (10) Florence Park (5) along Stanley Ave overlooking the park (12) Rockland Pocket overlooking Sheldrake where removing invasive and adding pollinators.

Stuart Tiekert sent Beverly a 3-page list of locations in Lester/ Washingtonville area, many productive spots for new trees, very helpful.

Committee for the Environment planning pollinator gardens at Fennimore and Prospect, native drought tolerant plantings and a tree will be setback, near the knee. Small tree because of wires.

Dog Park Committee – trees may be removed to create a dog park. Someone can represent tree committee in upcoming Dog Park Committee.

### **New Business**

My Favorite Tree and Why

Review with Jerry if Rob can utilize time for community outreach.

MetroNorth has agreed to let VOM plant trees in front of retaining wall along Bishop. Stumps need to come out first, Jerry asking DPW to plan removal, plant trees after that.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.