

Westwood Shade Tree Advisory Committee - Minutes – October 17, 2011
Attendance: S. Scherba, L. Hayes, V. Sauer, C. Leyden, and J. Russo
Meeting began at 7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Linda Hayes at 7:30 PM, Sheryl Scherba read the Open Public Meetings Law Statement: "This meeting which conforms to the Open Public Meetings Law, Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, is a regular Westwood Shade Tree Advisory Meeting. Notices have been filed with our local official newspapers and posted on the municipal bulletin board."

The May and June minutes were voted on and approved.

Telephone Messages:

- Howard Earl message regarding info on tree work
- Resident 240 Fourth Ave requested tree removal
- Resident 62 Cardinal Lane regarding a new tree that was planted
- Resident at 22 Cypress needs tree pruned or taken down
- Resident 205 Mill St evaluate a tree – limbs down

The meeting was opened to the public:

The following people attended the meeting to learn about STAC and may be interested in possibly becoming STAC alternate members

Robert Sasena – Center Avenue
Barbara Stewart – Wellington Place

Correspondence:

Resident at 125 Kaufman Drive requested that an Oak tree be taken down as he is not happy with the debris falling from tree each year (acorns)
Linda will drive by and evaluate the tree. She stated that these trees were originally planted by the developer and that STAC would have never planted an Oak as a street tree. It was suggested that the DPW could prune the tree and also check the status of the tree in our inventory system

New Ordinance:

Linda brought copies of the 4th draft of the ordinance from John Anlian, she asked that we look it over for any corrections or changes and get back to her by the end of the week – Oct 23rd. Chris noted that it was not numbered correctly and he will talk to John regarding this.

Council Liaison report - Peter was not able to attend the meeting.

Tree Inventory:

Paul Cowie has been paid for the tree inventory project.

Ginny will ask Paul if the county trees were included in his inventory count. If Rhea needs training at the DPW on the inventory program, we can set it up after things get settled from the flooding from Hurricane Irene.

October Shade Tree Federation Meeting

2 men from the DPW and Ginny attended the meeting in October 2011.

Tree Pruning:

We would like to hire Bill Murtaugh for the young tree pruning on trees planted in the last 10-15 years – would like him to elevate by taking the lower limbs off and thinning out.

Spring 2011 Tree planting:

We had about 10 trees left to be planted from the spring, Linda was to have Bill Murtaugh evaluate the health status of the trees as they were stressed from water damage of Hurricane Irene flooding in the DPW area. Rick informed Linda that the trees were gone. It was then discussed that we should ask Rick how many trees he would be able to plant in the spring of 2012 and then we should hire someone to plant the remainder so that we get them planted in a timely manner and not loose any in the future.

Spring 2012 Tree Planting:

**Linda will look into the following nurseries suggested by John Anlian
Fernbrook
F & F
Tuckahoe**

We are looking for container trees to be delivered, stored and taken off the truck by the DPW. We would like to order 30 short and 20 tall – and will ask the DPW how many they could commit to planting in the spring.

2012 Budget:

Linda will write up the 2012 Budget with same numbers as this year (2011)

Meeting ended at 9:20 PM

