

Westwood Shade Tree Advisory Committee - Minutes – November 14, 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 October minutes were voted on and approved.

Telephone Messages:

- Resident – 26 Hillside Ave – evaluate a tree after storm
- Resident – 101 Dogwood Ct – large branch hanging

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

Correspondence:

- Todd Wyckoff of NJ Shade Tree Federation sent Ginny an email confirmation the CEU's were entered for 2011 attendance of the meeting by Peter Danheart, Dan Schneider and Ginny Sauer.
- Ginny read us a newspaper article regarding Woodcliff Lake Mayor and Council working with their Tree Committee to replace trees lost in recent Hurricane Irene storm
- A resident on 1st Avenue has a female Ginko tree in front of their property that should probably be removed.

New Ordinance:

- Linda gave Chris forms for John A to fill out for the state for grant purposes. Chris will fax to John.
- Chris went over all corrections with John. John will finish up and get us the ordinance soon.

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

Tree Inventory:

Ginny called Paul Cowie regarding the counting of county road trees – yes they were included in the count. The DPW may need to be retrained on the inventory software, as the previous secretary of DPW has retired.

Tree Pruning:

Bill Murtugh has finished pruning the first list of approximately 60 trees.

Spring 2012 Tree Planting:

Linda will be ordering the trees from Tuckahoe Nursery – balled and burlapped – to be delivered in April 2012

Short – Japanese Lilac

Short – American Hornbeam

Tall – Princeton Elm

It was discussed that we should all look for spots for planting and keep a list.

Management Plan:

Ginny asked John R if he could take a look at the end of each section in our current management plan – to look over the objectives and see how we are doing at this point.

Meeting ended at 9:20 PM