

Westwood Shade Tree Advisory Committee - Minutes - October 18, 2010

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."

Telephone Messages:

- Resident at 125 Lexington wants tree evaluated
- Resident at 109 Prospect wants 3 trees
- Resident on 38 Summit wants a tree - no wires
- Resident on 69 O'toole wants tree pruned
- Resident at 131 Kaufman Drive wants a tree
- Resident at 171 Kinderkamack Road - does not want the tree that was planted in front of her home
- Resident at 217 Mill reported a branch hanging on a wire
- A person who is attempting to open up a new business on Kinderkamack Road wanted to know what type of trees we recommended so that he could put them on his plans when he applies for a variance.

Correspondence:

resident at 30 Sealy Street wants tree removed. According to the tree inventory condition report - the tree is in good condition, per Rick Woods. *Ginny will take a look at the tree and evaluate. We will then write a letter and advise the resident of our findings.*

Council Liaison Update:

Peter could not attend this meeting as he was attending the WFD dinner.

A motion was had to open the meeting to the public - no one from the public attended the meeting and so a motion was approved to close the meeting to the public.

Westwood Blvd - Armand Marini emailed Peter to inform him that the tree matter at 145 & 181 Westwood Blvd had been resolved. A check in the amount of \$9350 was to be deposited into the shade tree account. The certificate of occupancy had been released and the file is now closed.

This amount is considerably lower than the amount of restitution that was originally figured for this property.

Carver/Van Buren Avenue: STAC sent a letter to Westwood Planning Board on Sept 17 stating that plans were never reviewed. We asked that a CTE of our choosing be contracted at the builders expense to count and evaluate the condition of all trees on the property. According to an email from Peter, at the last council meeting, Cindy Wanack noted STAC Sept 17th Letter to the planning board and handed Peter a tree evaluation performed by Bill Murtaugh postmarked August 22nd and noted that the applicant had already performed the requested inspection. *It was discussed that we may respond to this by stating that the site should be evaluated by a CTE of our choosing.*

Spring 2011 tree planting - John R and Ginny looked over the available trees from Hopewell Nursery to come up with choices for Linda to order for next spring. We would like to order approximately 50 trees. Possible choices chosen are Ginko and Lacebark Elm for taller trees and Queen Victoria hedge maple and japanese tree lilac for the shorter trees to be ordered. Linda will check availability.

NJ Shade Tree Federation meeting- to be held on Oct 22 and 23rd - Ginny and John R are planning on attending several courses on Friday, October 22nd - they will take enough courses to get the required 8 credits.

Miscellaneous: Linda brought to our attention that in some other towns they have a CTE included in the Shade Tree budget whose job it is to read over any building plans once a month, go out and evaluate at the cite and make recommendations. This may be something we would want to incorporate into our budget planning.

Meeting ended at 9PM