

**Westwood Shade Tree Advisory Committee – Minutes – January 14, 2008**

Attendance: V. Sauer, L. Hayes, S. Scherba, C. Leyden, J. Russo and P. Grefrath

Meeting began at 7:30 PM

The December 2007 minutes were voted on and approved.

**Correspondence:**

- The Bergen County Shade Tree League will be hosting a meeting in Upper Saddle River – the meeting will feature a talk about “vegetation standards and our town trees” – Ginny has volunteered to attend. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2008.
- Core Training is being offered in Paramus in March – Peter is looking into his schedule to see if he can attend.

**Telephone Messages:**

Resident John Bias of Lowel & Lexington Avenue – called in to say that he took some surface roots out because the sidewalks had been lifted. He was concerned that he cut too many roots and would like someone from Shade Tree to call him back. A discussion was had by the committee on coming up with the fine for this type offense – Two large trees will have to be taken down because of this residents actions.

**Girl Scout Park – ARBOR DAY:**

A discussion was had on Arbor day plans to include a Willow tree planting in memory of Helen Gross a former Shade Tree Member in the Girl Scout Park. We would like to inform people on how to plant a tree correctly by demonstrating this procedure.

**Certified Tree Expert:**

Peter will talk to Borough Administrator on the possibility of sharing a CTE between other towns in the area. We currently do not have a CTE in our town. Peter is going to follow up on the progress of this issue.

**2007 Accomplishment Report:**

Ginny is working on this project. Sheryl will get copies of all 2007 minutes to Ginny to aid in the process. Linda will also give written information as requested.

**Tree City USA:**

Linda has sent in the paperwork for both the Tree City USA and Tree City Growth Award 2007.

**Spring Planting:**

Linda has a list of sites for possible planting, Sheryl will type it up. Also a letter to go to the residents informing them that they will be getting a tree and to inform Shade Tree if they have any sprinkler issues in the right of way area. This letter will be typed and ready to go out in March.

**Future Plans:**

We will share shade tree concerns with the new governing body at the March work session of Mayor and Council – Peter has put this on their agenda.

Meeting ended at 9:30 PM

