

Westwood Shade Tree Advisory Committee – Minutes – May 12, 2008

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

Meeting began at 7:30 PM

The April 2008 minutes were voted on and approved.

Telephone Messages:

- Resident at 49 Harrington Ave wanted a Bradford Pear Tree
- Resident at 234 Fourth wants tree trimmed.
- Resident at 61 O'Toole concerned about new tree – has bulge at base of tree.
- Resident at 19 Seventh Ave wanted to know when have our meetings.
- Resident at 2 Dean Street wants to remove 4 trees.
- Resident at 115 Lake Street concerned about Gypsy Moth problem.
- Several residents called to request trees when available.

Miscellaneous

- A discussion was had in regards to the Parking Authority and the types of trees that they are planting. We thought it would be a good idea for them to check with us as to the types of trees that would be good for the areas they want to plant. It was decided that it should be put in writing – so Chris will work on a rough draft to go to the Parking Authority and CC Meisel.
- Linda gave Peter 3 names that he could get price quotes for irrigation systems in Veterans Park.
- The discussion continues on the importance of a CTE in our town. Trees need to be evaluated by a CTE before any decision as to whether they should be taken down.
- The next Shade Tree meeting will take place on the third Monday in June – June 16, 2008
- Peter received an email from Mayor Birkner who is looking for articles to contribute to the “My Westwood” section of the Community Life Newspaper. Peter would like to write an article about Shade Tree being the backbone of our ecosystem. John and Chris will write facts and give to Peter to incorporate into the article.

Second Ave – Heck Property

There are two street trees left on this property. The homeowner wrote a letter to the Mayor saying that the trees were sick. We had a discussion and propose that Heck (the builder) be fined \$1,000 for tree damage at construction and that the homeowner plant 5 trees on his property. Two shade trees and 3 ornamental and that they should give us a list of what they are going to plant. Linda will contact Bob Hoffman regarding this matter.

Spring Tree Planting

Hopewell Nursery was not able to get us the 20 Okame Cherry trees for Spring planting – so we swapped out 20 Queen Elizabeth Hedge Maple however they shipped us Autumn Purple Ash which is a tall tree. Some of these trees have already been planted. Rick will give Linda a list of what Purple Ash he has left and maybe we can exchange for smaller trees.

Mason – Contractor Letter

Sheryl to work on rough draft referencing the ordinance and give to Linda for approval.

Meeting ended at 9:30 PM

