

Westwood Shade Tree Advisory Committee - Minutes – January 14, 2013

Attendance: S. Scherba, L. Hayes, V. Sauer, C. Leyden and J. Sciarra, council liaison

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 December 2012 minutes were voted on and approved.

Telephone Messages:

No messages received on telephone.

No one from the public attended this meeting.

CVS – Jefferson Ave:

Chris drafted our recommendation for CVS to the Boro Planner, Ed Sneikus – stating that we recommend that the two trees on Jefferson remain and that any trees planted on Broadway would be a sight hazard (we could not recommend their planting). Restitution for the trees if they were to be removed would be \$2,400 per tree. We would recommend that Japanese Tree Lilac be chosen as replacement trees if necessary.

Council Liaison report -

J. was brought up to speed on the following open items

- Care One project
- \$9,755 deduction from restitution fund
- Revised ordinance
- Special line items for mature tree pruning of \$25,000

Grant Approval for 5 Year Management Plan

The council signed off on this grant for Paul Cowie – Linda sent the paperwork into the state and we will wait to hear from the State on this before moving forward.

Ketler School:

Linda and Ginny met with Bill Comrey, CTE consultant and former head of Paramus ShadeTree regarding trees and safety concerns in front of Ketler. Bill stated that the trees provide pedestrians protection from the traffic, buffer noise, and moderate temperature in front of the school. He did note that one of the trees towards the field looks like it might be diseased and that the tree near the crosswalk may be a sight hazard – They plan to meet with officer Frank Durante to discuss the matter fully.

Arbor Day:

Linda will order from Arbor Day Foundation:

- for seedlings to hand out
- Information on planting a tree in memory of loved ones in our National forest.

Tree City USA

Linda and Ginny will work on annual reports to send in to Tree City USA and to the state for accreditation,

Meeting ended at 8:30PM