

## **Westwood Shade Tree Advisory Committee - Minutes December 9, 2013**

Attendance: L.. Hayes, S. Scherba, V. Sauer, C. Leyden, J Russo and Council Liaison, J Sciara

### **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 2013 minutes of November were voted on and approved.**

### **Telephone Messages:**

There were no messages during this period.

### **Meeting opened up to the Public:**

- Zachary Oviedo of Boy Scout Troop 47 Westwood (a future Eagle Scout) attended the meeting and presented his proposed Eagle Project to plant certain trees that had previously been dying in our area and which are now hoping to make a comeback (White Oak and American Elm). He believed that he will be working with another scout, Peter Lydon in a park (yet to be determined) and would like to plant flowers and install bird houses. The consensus of the committee was that Zachary should come back to us with some specifics as to the park and the scope of the proposed project. When he has provided more details, we would then see in what way we might be able to support his plan.

### **Council Liaison Report:**

WSTAC asked J Sciara whether there was any progress on the revised Shade Tree Ordinance that the Council has tabled for the past year. WSTAC asked if the Council wished to remove the word "Commission" - would the ordinance then possibly move forward?

### **Tree Pruning:**

WSTAC discussed providing Tree Expert Bill Murtaugh with Pruning Zones instead of smaller lists which aren't work-efficient. The committee agreed to have him begin in a zone we planted about 5 years ago (2008) - Newark Ave, Clinton Ave and 7th Ave. The broader scope would make the work more time and gas efficient.

**Management Plan:**

Ginny will contact Paul Cowie on progress of the 2013 Management Plan.

Ginny will contact DPW secretary to make dates for Tree Inventory computer training with Paul Cowie.

**Tree City USA and Annual Accomplishment reports**

Ginny and Linda will gather information and start working on the annual reports.

**Meeting ended at 8:55PM**