

Westwood Shade Tree Advisory Committee - Minutes – February 13, 2012
Attendance: L. Hayes, S. Scherba, C. Leyden, J. Russo and I. Quinn, 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 January 2012 minutes will be voted on at our March meeting.

Telephone Messages:

- Resident at 170 Center Ave wanted someone to take a look at the roots of the tree while the ground was still open. PSEG was working on gas pipe and had to take out some of the tree roots. Resident was worried about the tree after this event.
- Resident of Fourth Avenue wanted to know what the status of the Misha Property on 4th Avenue project – regarding the trees and wanted to know if STAC could do anything about it.

The meeting was opened to the public: no one from the public attended the meeting.

Council Liaison:

- Ingrid Quinn will find out about the possibility of STAC having alternate members – she will check what the current ordinance states.
- Ingrid was asked what the status of the Misha property on 4th Avenue, she did not know at the time and would find out for us.
- Ingrid will find out what steps we need to take and when we can present the new ordinance
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5 Year Management Plan:

It is time again to prepare another 5 year management plan for 2013-2017. Ginny will call Paul Cowie to get a price quote and Linda will gather the necessary information to apply for a grant to pay for it.

New Ordinance:

Linda will follow up with the state to make sure the John Anlian receives the \$4,500 as payment for this project. STAC once again went over the latest rough draft and made final corrections. Linda asked Ingrid to find out when we could present the new ordinance.

Green Street/ Kinderkamack Road Day Care Center:

Ed Sneikus called Linda regarding 2 street trees that needed to be taken down by PSEG as they were under wires. These trees were in fair health according to our tree inventory. Linda measured them to be 22 inches each. (10 trees to replace each tree) The restitution for the removal of these 2 trees would be calculated as 20 trees @ \$435 = \$8,700 total restitution. Additional information on the project is that the builder during the winter already planted 7 trees in the planting strip (which violates the current ordinance) – and in any event – it was determined that at most only 3 trees would ever be planted in that amount of land. Linda spoke with Armarnd Marini and she was told that everyone involved with the project is fully aware that restitution is owed for the trees removed.

Tree Inventory:

A training session was set up for Rio of the DPW and Paul Cowie, Ginny would sit in on the training session. The session will take place on February 17th.

2012 Budget:

Linda went through the budget with Ingrid line by line and answered any questions Ingrid had regarding the lines on the budget proposal.

Core Training:

There will be no CORE offering in Paramus this year. A CORE offering will take place at the annual Shade Tree Federation meeting held in Cherry Hill, NJ in October 2012.

Meeting ended at 9:15PM