

TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 6:30 pm

1. Shade Tree Commissioner, Glenn Sietsma, called the Shade Tree Commission Public Business Meeting to order at 6:32 pm in the small conference room on the second floor of Town Hall.
2. Shade Tree Commission Secretary, Christine A. Watson read the Open Public Meetings statement: "This Public Business Meeting of the Wyckoff Shade Tree Commission is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this Public Business Meeting appears on our Annual Schedule of meetings. A copy of said Annual Schedule has been posted on the Bulletin Board in Memorial Town Hall; a copy has been filed with the Municipal Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News and the North Jersey Herald News - all newspapers which have general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting, the Agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed and mailed to said newspapers." Formal action may be taken at this meeting.
3. Roll Call - Present:
Shade Tree Commission members: Michael Tode', Scott Fisher, Glenn Sietsma, Mark Borst

Absent: Dan Kindergan
Staff present: Christine A. Watson, Shade Tree Commission Secretary
Township Committee Liaison: Timothy E. Shanley, Mayor/Township Committeeperson
4. Glen Sietsma made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 1, 2020 as written, seconded by Scott Fisher. All present voted in favor; motion approved.

5. New Business

- a. Chairperson Mark Borst suggested that that the approximately 8-10 Maple Trees in the RFCP's Tree Farm should be removed and replanted. It was suggested that the trees could be replanted to achieve a canopy of shade in and around the new playground. Mr. Borst volunteered a crew from his company to perform this work, and a project team of Shade Tree Commission Members will manage this effort. It was further discussed that a four-week window of time for planting trees exist. If this project can be completed in this short timeframe is will be pursued, otherwise it will be done in the spring.
- b. Mr. Sietsma indicated that an Evergreen Tree exists at the corner of Sicomac and Farview. (Evergreen Trees are not Shade Trees and as such, they are not regulated or allowed by the Shade Tree Commission) Mr. Fisher will work with the Police Department to increase sight visibility at this location.
- c. The Shade Tree Commissioners indicated they haven't been called as frequently as they used to, to inspect trees in the right-of-way. Mr. Fisher stated due to the tree damage from the hurricane and the need to respond immediately, most of these observations were performed on an emergency basis by him. The Shade Tree Commission Members request to be contacted to perform this function.
- d. Mike Tode' stated he observed a dead tree which appears to be in the unpaved right-of-way at 55 Wyckoff Ave in left corner of the front yard. Ms. Watson will ask Mr. Sietsma to look at this location and advise, since this tree is in Mr. Sietma's district.

6. Old Business

- a. A contract was awarded to the lowest bidder- Downs Tree Service on August 11, 2020. The work will be beginning next week. Downes continues to perform the tree work and is approximately 50% complete.
- b. It was reviewed that it is the responsibility of the Shade Tree Commissioners to be alert as they drive through the Township and notice and identify any trees in the right-of-way that maybe unsafe or are in need of maintenance.

There being no additional New Business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Tode', and seconded by Glenn Sietsma. All present voted in favor. Next Meeting to take place on January 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned 6:49pm.



Christine A. Watson, Secretary
Shade Tree Commission