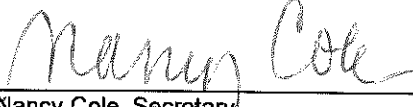


**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 6:30 pm**

1. Shade Tree Commission Chair Mark Borst 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 Nancy Cole 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: Mark Borst, Scott Fisher, Michael Tode, Dan Kindergan, Glenn Sietsma
Staff present: Nancy Cole, Shade Tree Commission Secretary
Township Committee Liaison: Timothy E. Shanley, Township Committeeman
4. Approval of the meeting minutes from March 21, 2017. Glen Sietsma made a motion to approve the March 22, 2017 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Mike Tode. All present voted in favor; motion approved.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. The status of shade tree requests from residents was discussed. The list of open requests was discussed and copies of the list were shared with the commissioners.
 - 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 trees in the right-of-way and on private property which may be unsafe. Any tree that appears unsafe must be reported to the secretary as soon as possible.
 - c. A township resident from 508 Oldwoods Road came to the meeting and made a complaint about a neighbor whose property borders hers at the rear. This neighbor's home faces Franklin Avenue and when the Franklin Avenue homeowner removed smaller scrub trees at the rear of their private property, the Oldwoods Road homeowner can now see the traffic on Franklin Avenue from which they were previously shielded. The resident wanted to know why we do not have an ordinance in place to prohibit cutting of trees on private property. The Shade Tree Commission addresses trees located on the municipal right-of-way. The Township Committee and the Board of Health, in the month of April, adopted two ordinances which prohibit and regulate certain removals of trees associated with homeowner building projects and septic system work. The Township Committee has tried to balance a person's private property rights and regulating tree removals and re-plantings with typical home improvements.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Arbor Day celebration to take place on Saturday, April 29, 2017. It was decided that two donated maple trees will be planted at Washington School at 9:00 am. The Principal and the students of Washington School will be participating in the ceremony and utilizing the banner from Tree City when taking photos.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Fisher, second by Dan Kindergan. All present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:14 pm.


Nancy Cole, Secretary
Shade Tree Commission