

Minutes from December 2016 Shade Tree Commission Meeting

Attendees: Jay Evelyth, Janet Horst (Note Taker), Chris Capodanno, Consuelo Murtagh

1. No comments from the public
2. Minutes review for November 2016. Minutes were approved with changes. Consuelo will send over changes to Heather Scott for final action.
3. Prune and Removals 2016 – Consuelo reports that once again, the computer is causing problems for the P&R. Access to the TreeSource 2000 program which manages the tree inventory data is not functioning. Consuelo has made a second request for the computer specialist through Danielle Sekula (DPW) and is awaiting to hear of when she can meet with specialist to resolve. Till this is complete – work list is not possible to create.
5. Tree Planting 2016 Status – Cerbos has planted 11 trees for the STC. Next steps will be for Sandy Batty to follow-up with the DPW regarding regular watering.
6. Wildwood School Events – Chris updated STC on the fantastic work with the Wildwood 4th grade classes on recycling. The students, faculty and principal of the school were very pleased with the outcome. This was a joint effort with the Environmental Commission and the STC. There were three separate presentations to reach all 3 of the 4th grade classes. In addition, this group of EC and STC members attended the 1st Annual Wildwood Community Day. The set up an information booth and had students participate in ‘Environmental Jeopardy’. This too was very well received. Next steps will be a student environmental presentation for the Kindergarteners in 2017. Chris recommended that STC confirm we have representation on the Educational subcommittee concerning the environment for future events.
7. Hornrock Plans Update – Consuelo confirmed the most recent STC recommendations created for the Hornrock project was submitted to Cindy Shaw for the Planning Board.
8. Website Status – No update to report.
9. Emerald Ash Borer Task Force Update – Consuelo is meeting with Kris Hasbrouck on 12/12 to conduct required Borough Forster Hazard Tree

Inspections. At that time, she will discuss timing for a 'windshield' survey of Ash trees for ongoing EAB Task Force planning.

10. STC budget update – STC Budget that was sent to all STC members was submitted, with added comments from the group, to R. Sheola on time. Budget included added funds for tree planting.

11. Leadership transition planning – Consuelo will be meeting with Marnie Vyff on 12/9 for next step planning.

12. Volunteer Reception hosted by Borough – All members are encouraged to attend the 12/12 event. All present confirmed their intent to attend.

13. Janet Horst has submitted her resignation as she will be taking on new volunteer duties as Borough Council representative. Consuelo took possession her letter of intent.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2017, @ 6pm. Borough Hall.