

Bound Brook Shade Tree Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2015
Minutes

Present: Nancy Campbell, Xue Du, Marsha Longshore, Mary Patten, Peter Lazzaro.

Excused: Nancy Lepionka

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Chair's Report

- DPW put up the new Tree City signs provided by Arbor Day Foundation and pruned the tree around the existing sign on Union Ave.
- Nancy Lepionka researched Gilly's Landing Homeowner's Association. It is a registered NJ Domestic Non-Profit Corp. Could not determine who piled up soil and mulch around trees in planting strip. Did not occur at original planting.
- Nancy L looked at Linden Ave and Drake and determined they have adequate planting strips. Might be a good location for a grant request.
- 3 large tree removals - P. O. submitted for \$2520 with DPW assistance.; Approved, and trees removed. Chair noted that this was lowest bid. Other bid was over \$9000
- Bound Brook included in ash tree survey being conducted by Rutgers - impact of emerald ash borer on municipalities.
- Possible Emerald Ash Borer damage on Imlay Place.
- Reviewed Urban Forest Foundation grant suggested by Nancy Lepionka. Appears grants are for larger cities; inappropriate for Bound Brook.
- Mayor available for photo op Saturday, 9/29/2015 at Tree City sign on Union Ave.
- Spoke to Borough administrator re maintenance of trees in right of way inside sidewalk. Requested we write letter for him to present to council.
- Space Tree - DPW to put fencing/protection up for space tree - Not yet done.
- Thanks to Nancy C, Nancy L, Xue & Marsha for watering Tea Street trees.
- Free 3 CEUs Right Tree, Right Place workshop, Moorestown, NJ.
- Tree planting on Chestnut, Church, Hardy yesterday, today, tomorrow?
- Mr. Delvecchio has volunteered to donate trees for the new school. Planting holes have been filled with asphalt and need to be redug by the Board of Ed.

Inspection Requests

2015 Requests as of August 18, 2015: 83 requests; 25 completed; 6 no action; 3 not inspected; 7 duplicates; 42 at DPW.

2014 Requests as of Jan 5, 2015: 167 requests; 102 completed; 18 no action; 0 not inspected; 21 duplicates; 26 at DPW

2013 requests: 158 requests; 89 completed, 16 no action required, 0 not inspected, 31 duplicates, 21 at DPW.

2012 Inspection Requests: 177 requests; 114 completed, 11 no action required, 1 not inspected, 28 duplicates, 23 at DPW

Old Business: - Tree Inventory - need to add 2014 plantings

- Nancy C continuing to research issues regarding trees inside right of way, beyond sidewalk. Also will look into borough ordinances about posting signs. STC concerned about signs being stapled to trees
- Nancy C and Xue interested in attending free conference in Moorsetown. Distance is a concern.
- Nancy C, Marsha and Mary interested in attending state conference. Possibly Friday instead of Saturday. Conference is in Atlantic City this year.
- 2015 Riverfest.
 - Marsha to help with set up but not available for booth duty. Mary and Nancy C available in morning and Nancy L available in afternoon.
 - Details for booth tbd at Sept. meeting.

New Business

- Pictures of tree on Implay Place with possible EAB damage submitted to County Ag. Agent. State investigator will check it in September.
- Grates around trees in front of library are lifting. STC to put in request for DPW to remove lifted grates and mulch the trees.

Adjournment: 7:57