

Bound Brook Shade Tree Commission Meeting
 Wednesday, October 29, 2015
 Minutes

Present: Nancy Campbell, Marsha Longshore, Mary Patten, Peter Lazzaro

Excused: Nancy Lepionka, Xue Du

Minutes: Approved as corrected

Chair's Report:

- 10th anniversary photo article in Bound Brook Chronicle
- Riverfest -received several inspection requests and tree requests; question wheel/pencils were a success for children.
- Thanks to Xue, Marsha and Mary for watering in September.
- Mr. Ferris' Council Oak seedlings were delivered to Mary by Mr. Dick Santoro - chestnut oak- planted 4. 1 behind hotel, 2 on Watchung south of Piedmont, 1 at Green Acres at Watchung and Rte 22.
- Reservations for NJSTF conference made; Thanks Nancy C for hotel reservations.
- Conference - good lecture on tree roots
- Tree planting for Longwood, Hanken and resident requests (10) - 42 trees- RFP sent to 3 nurseries – 1 asked questions and only 1 submitted bid. Due to budget reduction, Mary checked with Randy about using money from shade tree trust for 42 trees - about \$2K Mary so moved , seconded by Nancy L. Unanimous
- TD Green Streets grant to focus on Linden Ave.area to cover tree planting, tree removal and training. Deadline Dec 7.Mary and Nancy C to draft. Marsha to Edit
- 2016 Budget due by Nov 16.

Inspection Requests

2015 Requests as of Oct 22, 2015: 123 requests; 53 completed; 12 no action; 8 not inspected; 14 duplicates; 36 at DPW.

2014 Requests as of Oct 13, 2015: 167 requests; 112 completed; 18 no action; 0 not inspected; 23 duplicates; 14 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, 20 at DPW

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

- Space Shuttle tree - tree is growing well but trunk deer damage does not look good.
Commission to continue to monitor tree.

Mary was asked to sign invoice for DPW attendance at Conference. Questioning whose budget DPW attendance at Shade Tree Federation Conference should come out of. This has never been part of STC budget. \$195 in dispute; Meeting with Administrator.

New Business

Inventory additions - 2 blocks – Two streets with new trees will count in lieu of additional inventory. Two blocks of West High already completed this year.

Due to continuing complaint by resident, Commission to look at large trees and sidewalks on Evergreen.

Adjournment: 7:15