

Bound Brook Shade Tree Commission Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2016
Minutes

Present: Nancy Lepionka, Marsha Longshore ,Mary Patten

Excused: Xue Du

May Minutes: Approved as edited.

Chair's Report:

- We received grant from New Jersey Tree Foundation and TD Charitable Trust for 50 trees to be placed around Codrington Park. Planting date is Friday, Oct 7. Save the date.
- Articles submitted to Bound Brook Chronicle and other papers on Japanese Zelkova appeared on the Messenger Gazette website.
- Sent thank you to Ray Gleason for \$400 donation.
- Emailed mayor re Ray Gleason certificate of appreciation. Mary to identify a format.
- NJ Forest Service - emerald ash borer trap placed on BB tree. Forest Service will monitor.
- Water bags placed on trees planted last year + Church St road job from West Franklin to Union, and Longwood, Hanken, Vosseller.
- Tree Removal – Vince got bids: Tampke, \$7000, Sammy \$6800, Rich's Tree Service \$4000, Rony's in Middlesex (\$3000). Selected Rony's.
- Mary notified Commissioners that Hector Herera is new borough administrator.

Inspection Requests

2016 requests: 59 requests; 1 completed; 3 no action; 3 not inspected; 0 duplicates; 52 at DPW.

2015 requests: 138 requests; 68 completed; 20 no action; 3 not inspected; 17 duplicates; 30 at DPW

2014 requests: 168 requests; 121 completed; 18 no action; 0 not inspected; 25 duplicates; 4 at DPW

2013 requests: 154 requests; 97 completed, 16 no action required, 0 not inspected, 32 duplicates, 9 at DPW.

2012 Inspection Requests: 177 requests; 132 completed, 12 no action required, 1 not inspected, 28 duplicates, 4 at DPW

Old Business: - Tree Inventory updated for 2015 plantings Need report from Nancy C.
-Xue and Marsha began inventory of Farm Lane, N and E Meadow where there are no sidewalks. Need to return and check rights of way for trees at front of properties.

Community School – trees. Mary still to send another letter to BOE with copy to planning board to determine their plans to comply with Planning Board requirement

Mary to follow up with prospective new shade tree alternate.

CSIP grant – no news

New Business:

Space Shuttle tree - Councilman Gomez wants to put on borough web page - need to contact library for certificate and poster. Xue took a new picture of the tree. Nancy L to follow up with Library to get copies for the website.

Kerry Miller offered to donate canopy she no longer needs. Will deliver to Mary when she can.

Adjournment: 7:15