

Nyack Tree Committee Meeting, Tuesday October 8th 2019

Present: Marcy Denker, Kathleen Johnson, Phil Berg, Steve Cea, Elijah Reichlin-Melnick, Ed dePeter

1. Fall Tree Planting

a. Markout

--Kathleen will send Marcy the locations (25, mostly along BOCES) so they can be stakes (Marcy has stakes, need to be white)

--Put out stakes by the 20th

b. Notifications

--Not necessary because most locations are at BOCES?

c. Documents and plan with Jack

--Kathleen spoke with Jack and he is fine with short notice (5 days) for planting

--Marcy will check on paperwork with Jim

d. FAQs

--Anna will send for review when done with draft

e. Tree Care one-pager

--Heather on Front Street has two walnut trees that she wants to take down—they're hazardous. She would be happy with other trees. We should have the arborist evaluate (there are some dead limbs).

2. Mulching Day

--Kathleen and Ed will manage

--Will go on Tuesday at 8:30 for mulch

--10/21 UPDATE: Kathleen, Phil, Ed, and Steve mulched 38 trees last Tuesday. For future reference, figure 40 trees with one healthy yard of mulch, 4 people, 2.5 hours plus mulch pickup. The rest of the trees to be mulched on Thursday Oct. 24th.

3. Tree Maintenance Grant Project

--Wickes got the contract

--Young tree training (in grant that we'll have an arborist put together training & will do outreach) up to 10-inch caliper

--Don Gable was going to be the arborist but is not available at convenient times.

--Dean Dykeman from Wickes to do the training unless anyone has another suggestion

4. Tree Code and Permitting Process

--Changes discussed, agreed on, and made during meeting by all present, in Google doc

5. Inventory

--Steve is interested in getting involved—needs to coordinate with Kathleen. Marcy will need to coordinate with Wickes because it will need to be updated overall.

6. Arbor Day Poster Contest

7. North Midland Tree and Sidewalk Damage

Don Iaccopino, Belleville landscaping, Jim Politi, Dean to meet with Marcy on Thursday (10am, Kathleen to join) to discuss creative sidewalk fixes

8. Nursery update

9. Hudson Street Location by Post Office—update and idea for sidewalk pilot with CU soil and PaveDrain

Miscellaneous:

--Marcy will reach out to arborists for feedback on permitting form

--Steve and Ric want to look into software options for inventory—include photos, notes (on maintenance), etc.

-- Steve and Ric want to look into creating criteria (a protocol) for developing locations for future plantings as well as species

--Steve and Ric want to use some of the info that we're working on toward outreach to educate community

--We need to thank the woman from Nanuet kitchen company—she's donated multiple times