

Nyack Tree Committee Meeting Notes – November 21, 2019

Attendees: Marcy Denker, Elijah Reichlin-Melnick, Kathleen Johnson, Anna Bristow, Steve Cea, Phil Berg

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 5TH

1. Tree Protection Ordinance

- **Review edits:** we need to finalize. Elijah will compare the proposed with the existing purpose section. Keep language in code so that the Village can deny someone taking down a tree.
- **Permit revisions:** Marcy has not yet reached out to arborists for feedback. We need to make sure that the arborist's visit is useful to both the homeowner and tree committee.
- Assessment form: waiver on dead tree for permit fee? Tree fund where permitting fees go? \$50 to have building inspector come out to evaluate?

2. Front Street black walnut trees – arborist evaluation

- Marcy talked to Jim and Dean Dykeman: the trees are on the list to remove

3. Tree Maintenance Grant Project – training session

- Dean is on board to do the training this winter. We need to put this together—Steve will send an outline.

4. Thank you for Jenna from Luxury Kitchen and Baths in Nanuet

- We need to thank her since her donations pretty much covered the cost of the fall planting for 5th Ave. (Update: Marcy emailed her on 11/22 to invite her to one of the Village of Nyack Board of Trustees meetings in Jan. where they want to thank the Nyack Tree Project volunteers, and can thank her as well). Will also mention in article in Nyack News and Views.

Action items:

- Steve will talk to Jennifer about paying Jackson for the digging (fall planting. Will also try to find out how much money we have left in the budget for spring planting. (Maybe we can get bigger trees for the Catherine St. parking lot, Catherine St. DPW. Also around 7 more trees to plant to finish 5th Ave, Sickles. Marcy will talk to the Yaskys about planting at Rockland Gardens).
- Steve is willing to finish putting on tree guards
- Kathleen will get the info from Ed on his neighbor who cut down a tree—Elijah will look into it.
- Marcy needs to follow up with Gloria at the high school about the trees we planted and note that we will want to use the hose for watering.
- We need to go out and look at Depew Ave. in advance of the project that we have a grant for.

Miscellaneous:

- Finish mulching in spring
- Tree on High Avenue that a homeowner wants to take down—Marcy weighed in and spoke with Jim & Ann Marie.
- Ashcrete: supposedly the Village used it in the last sidewalk project that they did. Marcy is trying to get some testimonials on its use (supposedly better for the environment).

For Next Meeting:

- Street tree evaluations: North Midland Tree and Sidewalk Evaluation Meeting and Follow-Up on Policy
- Steve & Ric want to look into software options for inventory—include photos, notes (on maintenance), etc., as well as a protocol for developing locations for future plantings and

species; also use some of the info that we're working on toward outreach for educating the community