

## **Nyack Tree Committee Meeting**

**May 24, 2022**

**Attending: Steve Cea, Marcy Denker, Phil Berg**

### **Nice Pak Planting Project**

Project was very successful. American Forests has said that they look forward to working with us again next year. Should be easier next time around.

American Forest accepted the documentation regarding the Village tax exempt status clearing the way for the first grant payment. Steve will complete the 2–3-page final report necessary to apply for the final grant payment.

Steve will follow up with Jonathan and Ann Marie about the water tank and pump order. There is a little more money from the grant that can be used for materials. Marcy will get a few more shrubs for the planting beds and discuss the plans for the renovations to the area around the Memorial Park gazebo with those involved with that.

Steve will finish the second part of the City Forest Certification application and circulate it for review and submit the second invoice for the remaining funds.

### **Front Street Zelkova**

Marcy, Steve, and Andy met with Robert Helmke about possible remediation strategies for the sidewalk on Front St. that is severely damaged by the roots of a big Zelkova. The Village and the property owner are working together to find a solution. Curti's Landscaping will also make proposals. A culvert over the roots and flexible rubber paving is one idea. Possibly routing the sidewalk out around the tree on the street side is another.

### **Planning Board Review**

Taco Bell Landscaping Plan TC submitted comments on the landscape plan at the request of the developer. Jennifer has noted that TC may want to submit additional comments on the need for tree protection during construction. There are no provisions in the Code for this. TC should look at NYC and other Code and make recommendations.

Request to review site plans–TC will request to have code provision authorizing referrals of land use applications to the TC for comment.

### **Tree Maintenance**

Schedule Stewardship Day– Marcy will contact TC about a work day for weeding and mulching in June and then notify the Tree Project list. Need to arrange to get mulch. Best to have DPW load up from the mulch pile at DPW to Phil or Emily's pickup.