

## Nyack Tree Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 18, 2024 5:30 virtual

**Present:** Marcy Denker, Ellyse Berg, Steve Cea, Laura Graves, Jennifer Pfeiffer, Kathleen Johnson

Marcy will resend Nyack Tree Committee Workspace. Use this to record maintenance that you have done.

Kathleen has a spreadsheet that has planting season and year for the trees. She will make a folder and Marcy will insert information into the folder.

### **Maintenance:**

Pruning: Only “in your face” branch pruning should be done now. Redbuds are fast growing and can stand a bit more pruning. Front Street, Fifth, Sickles, 9W, No. Midland, Main Street across from Didier, First and Marion have been done. The six trees on DePew up by 9W are okay.

Sickles needs a second look and Washington needs to be checked.

Don't prune oak or elms. Wait until winter.

Kathleen and Steve will meet on Friday at Franklin and Sickles at 8:30 AM.

Staking: Artopee- Ostrya across from the EV charging station needs a stake.

So. Midland- Amelanchier needs staking

Not Looking Good- 117 No. Midland- 2<sup>nd</sup> tree in this spot

First near Franklin- 2<sup>nd</sup> tree in the spot

Deer Netting- The netting around the young trees can be removed now if it is tight.

Steve will see to the Fifth Ave BOCES block.

### **Insects:**

Lantern Flies- Treatment- Vacuum them up, or spray with a soap/oil/ water mix. They have a three-year cycle. Jennifer will forward industry-wide advice.

Gypsy moths are the concern this year.

### **Planning:**

Fall Planting- Potential listing has 8-10 replacements including the two car casualties on No. Midland and the two mentioned above as “not looking good” and the damaged tree on Sickles by Rockland Gardens.

There are 8 requests (listed in Potential Tree Locations” section of the Workspace).

There has been a change in the School District administration personnel so hold off on tree planting that property.

Share ideas for locations for future trees. Suggest possible specific trees for specific locations (keeping in mind list of available trees).

Memorial Park- Parks Commission Chair, Jim Wilcox, will organize a meeting in August to include the Tree Committee, Pollinator Pathway and others to start planning for additional plantings.

Jennifer and Laura will be available in August.

**Letters addressing watering:** There are several in the archives which Marci will add to the Team Workspace reminding tree parents to water the trees during these stressful hot, dry times. Kathleen and Ellyse have volunteered to deliver these letters.

**Save the date:**

**Tuesday, August 5 at 5:30** there will be a meeting in the Library in the Trustees Conference Room next to the Local History Room to plan on approaching the VON to discuss a tree protection policies and regulations.

**FYI-** It was mentioned that the newly planted trees at the Treehouse Cannabis storefront on Rte. 59 should have waterbags, but it was later noticed that there are irrigation hoses under the mulch.

Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by Ellyse