

## **MINUTES**

### **Nyack Tree Committee Meeting August 21, 2024**

Attendance: Steve Cea, Marcy Denker, Kathleen Johnson, Elyse Berg

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#### **I. Fall Planting List**

Discussion of all proposed planting locations. Some concern and questions about having too many for one species in a concentrated area. Some selections still need to be reviewed and adjusted based on the discussion. Marcy will revise the and order the trees.

We agreed to order larger caliper trees.

#### **ACTION**

- Marcy will prepare an illustration for Old World showing how the tree would look in the planting bed at the entrance.
- Kathleen will contact the owner at the corner of Depew and St Midland about a front yard tree.

#### **II. Tree Fund/Tree Donations**

- Subaru Distributors Corp. paid for the trees for two seasons. (confirmed)
- The Treasurer received a \$3000 check for 6 trees, which apparently was related to a removal permit.

#### **ACTION**

- Marcy will follow up with Manny and Andy to find out how the permit-related payments are determined and managed, and if the funds are going into a tree fund.

#### **III. Maintenance**

##### **Pruning**

Low branches should be done now if they are in the way. People prune or break them..

Structural pruning: Should be done in November, but should be planned now.

Elm and oaks especially are vulnerable. Elms especially need structural pruning regularly when they are young.

#### **ACTIONS**

Schedule a time for pruning more low branches and assessing tree in advance of fall pruning.

##### **Tree Stewards**

Elyse suggested that we start a Tree Stewards adobe a block program for weeding, checking for trunk collars, etc.

#### **ACTION:**

Marcy will draft an announcement to send to the Nyack Tree Project List and put out in VON announcement.

## **IV. Tree Code**

### **Preservation Requirements**

The Nyack Code Sections related to trees are on the committee workspace. We are not seeing the newly adopted provisions. Jennifer marked up the Clarkstown Code. We did not review the markups at the meeting. We will be interested specifically in the provisions for tree protection during construction and will discuss at the next meeting.

#### **ACTION**

Steve to send the language that was proposed.

Marcy to follow up with any question we have about the assessments, professional arborist, tree fund

### **V. Update to Recommended Tree List**

Laura provided a list of possible additions to the list.\* We agreed that shrubs, very unusual and hard-to find tree and ash trees should not be included.

We discussed the advice in the list to avoid planting maples and the limits we have set in our street tree selections on maples due to the 10/20/30 rule.\*\* Members questioned whether it was relevant that the trees in the ROW include few maple while the community forest as a whole is dominated by maples.

#### **ACTION**

Marcy will work with Laura on other amendments/additions to the list.

### **VI. Park Trees**

There will be a meeting in September about planning additions/changes to Memorial Park, including tree plantings.

#### **ACTION**

Marcy will work on getting the meeting date set and including TC.

### **VII. Rockland Gardens**

New management at this housing complex has been making improvements and is very open to ideas and partnering on tree planting and even working to involve the tenants. Marcy and Katleen talkd to the on site manager and had preliminary look at potential sies near the ROW and farther into the property. We agreed that there is lots of potential to explore for projects starting next year.

### **VIII. Outreach**

Village is updating the official website to make it more user-friendly. Marcy will participate in the process for gathering input from departments.

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**\*Potential Additions to Recommended tree List**

**Small Native Trees:** *Chionanthus virginicus* (Fringe Tree)

Do we have various cornus on the list?

**Small Non-Native Trees:**

*Amelanchier x grandiflora* &ldquo;Autumn Brilliance&rsquo; (Apple Serviceberry)

*Lagerstroemia* (Crepe Myrtle)

*Parrotia persica* (Persian Ironwood or Parrotia, non-native)

**Deciduous Trees, Medium to Large Trees:**

*Acer x freemanii* (Freedman Maple)

*Acer miyabei* [How to deal with the maples?](#)

*Carpinus caroliniana* (American Hornbeam)

*Carya ovata* (Shagbark Hickory)

*Carya cordiformis* (Bitternut Hickory)

*Carya glabra* (Pignut Hickory)

*Carya tomentosa* (Mockernut Hickory)

*Cladrastis kentuckea* (Yellowwood)

*Fagus* spp (Beech)

*Juglans nigra* (Black Walnut)

*Metasequoia glyptostroboides* (Dawn Redwood, non-native)

*Oxydendrum arboreum* (Sourwood, Sorrel Tree)

*Platanus Occidentalis* (Sycamore)

*Quercus ellipsoidalis* (Black Oak)

*Quercus marilandica* (Blackjack Oak)

*Quercus montana* (Chestnut Oak)

*Salix nigra* (Black Willow)

*Styphnolobium japonicum* (Scholar Tree) [Invasive potential](#)

**Evergreen, Large Trees:**

*Cedrus atlantica* (Atlas Cedar)

*Chamaecyparis obtusa* and *C. pisifera* (False Cypress)

*Picea abies* (Norway Spruce)

*Sciadopitys verticillata* (Umbrella Pine)

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\*\*The 10/20/30 rule is a guideline for tree diversity in urban forests that suggests no more than 10% of a population should be a single species, 20% a single genus, and 30% a single family. The rule was proposed in 1990 by Santamour and is intended to reduce the risk of catastrophic

tree loss caused by pests. It has been widely used and referenced by communities and urban foresters around the world. (AI summary)