TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 6:39 pm

1. Shade Tree Commission Chair Mark Borst called the Shade Tree Commission Public Business Meeting to order at 6:32 pm in the small conference room on the second floor of Town Hall.

2. Shade Tree Commission Secretary Elaine Booth read the Open Public Meetings statement: "This Public Business Meeting of the Wyckoff Shade Tree Commission is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this Public Business Meeting appears on our Annual Schedule of meetings. A copy of said Annual Schedule has been posted on the Bulletin Board in Memorial Town Hall; a copy has been filed with the Municipal Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News and the North Jersey Herald News - all newspapers which have general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting, the Agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed and mailed to said newspapers." Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

3. Roll Call - Present:

Shade Tree Commission members:	Mark Borst, Bill Butler, Dan Kindergan, Glenn Sietsma
Staff present:	Elaine Booth, Shade Tree Commission Secretary
Township Committee Liaison	John A. Carolan, Township Committeeman
Absent	Scott Fisher

4. Approval of the meeting minutes from March 1, 2016 Bill Butler made motion to approve March 1, 2016 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Dan Kindergan. All present voted in favor; motion approved.

5. Old Business
   a. Shade Tree Secretary provided information concerning the work being performed by Rockland Electric Company. Rockland Electric is performing a Capital System Infrastructure Upgrade Storm Hardening Improvement, i.e., a system infrastructure upgrade on both of the radial feeds on Godwin Avenue between Crescent Avenue and Franklin Avenue. This section of Franklin Avenue experiences frequent outages/interruptions during storms. This upgrade addresses reliability concerns. Tree trimming will begin in approximately 6 weeks; tree work will require approximately 3 months. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities requires Rockland Electric to trim trees to attain proper clearance from their primary wires. All the debris from tree trimming/vegetative management will be removed as quickly as possible. Michelle Damiani, Manager – Public Affairs has provided her contact information to Township officials for any concerns or questions.

6. New Business
   a. Mark Borst, Chairman advised he received an email from the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation requesting the Township's help in tracking the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB); (an exotic invasive inspect pest that is currently spreading throughout New Jersey destroying ash trees). The NJ Department of Agriculture would like to hang one (1) EAB trap to collect population data in approximately 90 NJ municipalities. After brief discussion, the Township will participate in placing a trap in the Gardens of Wyckoff. Mark Borst and Dan Kindergan have volunteered to monitor, hang and maintain the trap. Secretary directed to respond to NJ EAB Task Force.

   b. 101 Van Blarcom Lane. Per the Planning Board's request, Commission members reviewed the landscape plan and visited the site individually. A brief discussion ensued concerning their observations at the above site. Commission members agreed that the placement of the five Red Maple trees indicated on the plan are acceptable locations.

   c. Shade Tree Chair advised that the wooded lot owned by the Township and located adjacent to 244 Morse Avenue will be included as a site for the Township's Annual Team Up to Tidy Up day scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2016.

d. Discussion concerning Arbor Day, April 30, 2016. The Arbor Day celebration will be held at Pulis Field Recreation Complex buffer area next to the Playground on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 9 am. Discussion regarding planting in this open location which experiences extreme temperatures and windy conditions. Maple trees are considered a suitable choice since they are hearty and quick growing. It is hoped these trees will provide shade for the parents and children enjoying the playground within a short amount of time.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Kindergan, second by Glenn Sietsma. All present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm.

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Elaine Booth, Secretary
Shade Tree Commission