

TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 2, 2015 6:33 pm

1. Shade Tree Commission Secretary called the Shade Tree Commission Public Business Meeting to order at 6:33 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, Glenn Sietsma, Bill Butler, Scott Fisher, Dan Kindergan
Staff present: Elaine Booth, Shade Tree Commission Secretary
Township Committee Liaison absent
Public present Guy Vogt, PSEG Forestry Supervisor
4. Approval of the meeting minutes from April 7, 2015. Scott Fisher made motion to approve April 7, 2015 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Dan Kindergan. All present voted in favor; motion approved.
5. Old Business
 - a. Arbor Day Celebration – April 25, 2015.
Chair Borst stated the Arbor Day was a successful event with the entire Wyckoff Township Committee attending as well as members of the Shade Tree Commission and Township Administrator Bob Shannon. Four weeping willow trees were planted on the Franklin Avenue side of Zabriskie Pond Park. This completes the multi-year project of reforesting Zabriskie Pond Park. Scott Fisher reported that prior to the planting, the DPW performed a clean-out of the briars and bushes and the area was re-graded and seeded. Willow trees now completely ring the perimeter of Zabriskie Pond.
6. New Business
 - a. Guy Vogt, PSEG Forestry Supervisor was introduced to the Commissioners by the Shade Tree Commission secretary.
Mr. Vogt stated that he has been employed by PSEG for 30 years and is a Certified Tree Expert. His territory is Bergen County and Hudson County and he supervises tree work performed by PSEG's tree contractor, Lewis Tree Service. This tree trimming is performed by PSEG's tree contractor every four years; they remove/trim branches which are in direct contact or near the utility wires. He anticipates they will be working in the Township during the entire month of June and part of July. He emphasized PSEG's tree program primary concern is the proper maintenance of trees. Mr. Vogt stated PSEG aims to do what's right for Wyckoff and the Commissioners and/or Secretary should advise him immediately if there is a problem or concern. Mr. Vogt provided his cell number as well as Lewis Tree Service supervisor – Michael Streng. Currently there are 7 tree crews from Lewis Tree Service in the Township, they have begun tree trimming in the College section (East Wyckoff) and will travel east on Wyckoff Avenue.
 - b. Secretary advised she was requested to provide Shade Tree Commission meeting dates for the 2016 municipal calendar. A draft of six meeting dates was provided for review.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Butler, second by Glenn Sietsma. All present voted in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:02 pm.

Elaine Booth, Secretary
Shade Tree Commission