

Ridgefield Tree Committee

Ridgefield, Connecticut

MINUTES – June 17, 2009 (email to [personnel@ridgefieldct.org](mailto:personnel@ridgefieldct.org))

Tree Warden's Office – 60 South Street

MEMBERS PRESENT – Nancy Boersma, Tom Venus, David Andry, Joe Eltz (via phone),

Vicki Yolen (Scribe), & Tree Warden, John Pinchbeck

The Meeting was called to order at 4:32pm.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – David Andry reported that the balance, as of 5/29, is \$5,155.77.

Recap of Arbor Day Event – Review of strengths & weaknesses of program.

Comments...

Notable Tree Project – Discussion of list of trees chosen for final selection in the upcoming Notable Tree Book. Final decision to use eight new trees (multiples of 4 per page for printing). Trees to be included: Black Walnut Juglans nigra

Eastern White Pine Pinus strobes

Eastern Red Bud Cercis Canadensis

Tuliptree Liriodendron tulipifa

Sweet Gum Liquidambar styraciflua

Shagbark Hickory Carya ovate

American Holly Ilex opaca

\*Cedar – true or not, to be determined; Thuja occidnetalis, Juniperus virginiana, chamaecyparis thyoides ,etc.)

Town Projects – John & Nancy scouted new sites for trees to be planted. (Baskin Robbins, Adam Broderick, etc.) Where to plane Ann Richardson Tree. Nancy will visit property owners to get permission. (Sweet Gum in front of Adam Broderick)

Condition of trees around town. Two dying Hornbeams to be removed on Main Street, replace with Valley Forge Elms. Contacting Boy Scouts to see if they would like to donate their trees to this location. Tree location to be presented to Discovery Center as well, for they are also donating Tree to town.

Maple Tree Contest Winner Signs to be ordered and placed at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place locations. Nancy will talk to Selectman regarding this.

Tree Warden Report – Phylloxera & European Elm Scale on trees downtown. Non-spray treatment, due to location.

Conservation Commission will be contacting us for forest project.

Ben Wasserman, RHS Intern, presented “Tour of Ballard Park Trees” with power point and gave us all cd’s of his work. Will be posted on Town’s website and RTC link.

List to be composed for future Intern projects.

Review of the “New Purchase Order Guidelines”, “Chart of Tree Warden Responsibilities”, “Routine Wood & Trunk Removal”, “Pricing & Contractor Bidding”, “Use of DPS”, “Emergency Takedown Guidelines”, “Imminent Hazards”, “Storm Procedures” & “Use of Special Equipment”.

Other Reports - Nancy to attend MESKWAKA Tree Project.

Special Meeting on June 25 – Asian Long horned Beetle 5:30pm & Naugatuck Valley CC.

Decision to cancel August 19 Meeting due to members of committee being away. Next meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

New Projects - Tom and Vicki to work on project to present to Conservation Commission on Invasive Species and their effect on CC properties.

Adjournment – 6:03pm

Minutes taken by Vicki Yolen.

