

Shade Tree Advisory Committee, Glen Rock, N.J.
Glen Rock Borough Hall
Minutes of February 5, 2019

Present: Rob Dill, presiding; Minna Greenberg, Bill Gould, Candy Hall, Amy Martin – Council liaison, Melissa Sawvell, Greg Toro – DPW head, Cheryl Wardrop

Tree Planting: Greg Toro has received 25 requests for street trees. He expects to plant about 75 trees. Melissa Sawvell suggested that the town plant 125 trees to commemorate the town's 125th anniversary. This idea was approved by the group. It was suggested that one tree be planted by September 14, the date of the anniversary, as a symbol of the other trees to be planted later in the season. The cost of planting one tree was estimated by DPW head Greg Toro at \$300. So far, \$75,000 has been budgeted for tree planting. Bill Gould suggested an appeal to the citizens to make up the difference between the allocated tree planting amount and the cost of 50 additional trees should the town council not approve the additional cost.

Tree Walk: The members of the arboretum have been discussing a tree walk in town to identify iconic 125 year old trees. The identified trees would be marked by ribbons.

Plant sale: It was suggested that a sale of native plants be considered.

Tree ordinance: Melissa, Candy and Cheryl worked on a draft of a new tree ordinance, using Montclair's ordinance as a model.

Tree survey: There was discussion of a new tree survey. This survey would establish where trees are needed and what species now exist. There was a lengthy discussion about how the survey was to be achieved. Spread sheet, use of GPS? Would the survey utilize excel? Candy volunteered to devise an excel template using Elaine's basic template and adding extra columns.

Tree give away: Naomi Gamorrah usually picks up the tree saplings. Projected date for the giveaway would be April 12th. Last year the trees were distributed at the arboretum. Perhaps this year they might be distributed at the compost center. Usually the trees are given away close to the April 22nd date, but because of the religious holidays (Easter and Passover,) the date has been changed.

A suggestion was made to ask the arboretum for guidance as to how the trees are trimmed. There was also a question as to whether the committee should have a budget.

The next meeting date is March 5th.

Submitted by,
Minna M. Greenberg