

Teaneck Shade Tree Advisory Board Meeting 3/23/2023/ Rodda Room MP4

Present - Nancy Cochrane and Anna Kurz (Co Chairs); Wendy Kelly; Roby Langert (7:27); Michael Sermabekian, DPW liaison; David Spielman, EC liaison

Absent Michael Pagan Council Liaison in municipal budget meeting; Zina Barrera, abroad
Meeting began at 7:08 pm

Nancy proposed the motion that the minutes dating from 10/27/22, 12/15/22, 2/23/23 be approved; Anna seconded the motion. All eligible voters voted yes.

Old Business:

1. Arbor Day

Roby with Zina will set a date. A bald cypress is being considered for planting in the Phelps Arboretum to diversify the species.

2. Phelps Arboretum

In the north end, a colony of native sassafras trees has sprung up among the overgrown invasives. Lack of hard frost this winter prevented DPW from bringing heavy equipment to clear invasives. Beginning to restore the Arboretum by mounting the existing tree name tags would be start Anna's goal (she would welcome!! help) goal to make the Arboretum another jewel in Teaneck's amenities.

3. 2023 Teaneck Day

The Sunday before Labor Day. Per (February meeting) Mike Pagan: "give stuff away"; per Anna: "don't make it junk that we pay for and people throw out". Refrigerator magnets (printed on magnetized sheets and cut apart) with contents to be determined; at left, a suggestion.



4. Trees of love

Michael S. still needs to get missing TOL paver names; and needs 3 plaques for Zina's cherry

trees in Andreas Park. Don Daume's TOL tree in Phelps has died and needs replacing-- is there money in the Teaneck budget to do this?

DPW Report – MS

DPW removed about 20 trees this month; • submitted (on time) Annual Accomplishment Report for Urban & Community Forestry program and the application to Tree City USA.; • M. beginning course to become LTE (Licensed Tree Expert) arborist (township not legally required to have one). • Bergen Academies' bare-root native red-buds to be planted on municipal green (about 5) and in Phelps Park (about ten) tentatively scheduled for April 22; • ordered replacement tree from Victoria's for Kevin's dead dogwood in Terhune Park (2022 Arbor Day); • Terhune Park destined to receive 30 newly ordered arborvitae "Green Giants (*Thuja standishii x plicata* 'Green Giant'); • Resiliency Grant: Davey Tree will be conducting UTC study for Teaneck

Environmental Commission Report–DS

The restoration of Phelps Arboretum may be the ideal project for monies the EC received from an ANJAC grant.

New Business:

1. STAB reports

Kudos to Michael S. for getting in on time report and application cited in DPW report. Kudos to Anna for the Annual Report.

2. CEUs

Nancy suggested, going forward: make mandatory for each STAB member to get at least 1 CEU/year and to get CORE certified (no CEUs). CORE course is online now but for how long? STAB needs to stay informed: CEU courses are the method to do so.

3. Miscellany

Citizen complaint requesting removal of dead trees on Pine at Herrick

Next STAB meeting: April 27, 2023.

Adjourned meeting at 8:06pm

Respectfully submitted
Anna Kurz

STAB Agenda 23 march 2023

Approval of minutes 10/27/22, 12/15/22, 2/23/23

Old business

1. arbor day
2. phelps arboretum
3. 2023 teaneck day - Sun before sept 11
4. trees of love

DPW report

EC Report

Council Liaison report

New business

1. STAB reports
2. Continuing education
3. next sTAB meeting - 4/27/23