

**VERONA SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES FOR**  
**March 9, 2020**

**MEETING STARTED:**     5:05 pm

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 6:35 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Prout, Coppa, & Borland

**ALTERATIVES PRESENT:** n/a

**COUNCIL LIASIAN:** McEvoy

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** n/a

**APPROVING LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** February 10, 2020 – was approved

**BUDGET:**

- 2020 Capital - \$25k
- 2020 Maintenance Budget - \$125k (confirmed by Jack McEvoy)
  - 2019 Maintenance Budget = \$125,000 (same as last year)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** n/a

**TREE WORK:**

DPW WORK ORDERS – n/a

MEMBERS LIST – n/a

**PARKS & PUBLIC AREAS:**

**OLD & NEW BUSINESS:**

**Street Tree Inventory –**

- RichView Consulting has completed the inventory on all of the town trees
  - Updated Tree Inventory submitted on 2/22/2020 with missing trees
    - New Tree Inventory needs to be reviewed

**Community Forestry Management Plan –**

- John Linson (Urban Forestry Consultant) has finalized the new Management Plan incorporating STC comments and submitted the Final document
  - Two hard copies and 1 electronic copy needs to be signed by the mayor and sent to the State

## **Training –**

- Core Training:
  - @ Rutgers – March 28, 2020
  - @ Cherry Hill – October 22, 2020
  
- John Linson – Customized Training for Verona

## **New Tree Species to Start Planting in 2020 –**

- The following tree species were agreed upon by the STC to start planting in 2020:
  - Compact Trees – trees that should be planted anywhere we have overhead power lines or any other overhead interferences:
    - 1) Merlot Redbud
    - 2) Japanese Tree Lilac (backup choice)
  
  - Medium Trees – that SHOULD NOT be planted anywhere we have overhead power lines or interferences:
    - 1) Maackia
    - 2) Yellowwood (backup choice)

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 5:00 PM**