

VERONA SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES FOR
August 10, 2020

MEETING STARTED: 5:05pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:45pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Prout, Schwartz, Coppa, Borland, & Val Ryan

ALTERATIVES PRESENT: n/a

COUNCIL LIASIAN: n/a

PUBLIC PRESENT: n/a

APPROVING LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: March 9th, 2020 – approved

BUDGET:

- 2020 Capital = \$25k (new tree planting)
- 2020 Maintenance Budget = \$125k

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

TREE WORK:

DPW WORK ORDERS – June & July 2020 Work Orders

MEMBERS LIST – n/a

PARKS & PUBLIC AREAS:

OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

Tree City USA

- Verona was awarded Tree City USA for 2019 back in March 2020
 - 35 years in a row now

Street Tree Inventory –

- RichView Consulting was selected to perform new Tree Inventory
 - The new tree inventory has been completed

Community Forestry Management Plan –

- John Linson (Urban Forestry Consultant) was awarded contract to develop new MP
 - New Management Plan was completed and submitted to State in June 2020
- The Management Plan was Approved by the State on 7/30/2020
 - Valid from 2020 - 2024

Training –

- Core Training:
 - @ Rutgers – ~~March 28, 2020~~ – CANCELLED due to COVIC
 - @ Cherry Hill – October 22, 2020 – TO BE DETERMINED

New Tree Species to Start Planting in 2020

- The following tree species were agreed upon by the STC to be planted in 2020:
 - Compact Trees – trees that should be planted anywhere we have overhead power lines or any other overhead interferences (12’-15’ tall max):
 - 1) Merlot Redbud
 - 2) Japanese Tree Lilac (backup choice)
 - Medium Trees – that SHOULD NOT be planted anywhere we have overhead power lines or interferences (20’- 30’ tall max):
 - 1) Maackia
 - 2) Yellowwood (backup choice)

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, September 14th, 2020 @ 5:00 PM (ZOOM Call)