



VILLAGE OF
RIDGEWOOD



Ridgewood Shade Tree Commission 3/18/2025 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Adam Brown, Declan Madden, Andrew Gorman, Matt Andrula, Tim Hlavacek, Medhi Manii, Nancy Brennan-Hill, Siobhan Winograd, Miles Luo, Grace Kim, Eelanor Leonard, Emma Dowman, Lori Barr, Brooke Barr.

- Meeting in the Garden Room called to order by Adam Brown at 7:37 pm.
- Minutes from the November and January meetings approved.

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REPORTS

Adopt a Sapling - meeting scheduled at Willard School on April 28 to promote Adopt a Sapling. Under wire locations for sapling placements will not be known until summer. Declan and Adam discussed the supply chain process and agreed that it should be possible to obtain the 100 saplings needed for the event.

Sapling Sanctuary - members voted to forward a presentation to the Village Council for their consideration. The recommendation is to establish a Sapling Sanctuary on space near the tennis courts on Bellair Road for about 100 Saplings that would be used to support the Adopt a Sapling program. There has been difficulty in the past securing the desired under wire saplings for the program. The cost to establish the Sanctuary would be about \$20,000. The STC voted unanimously for the recommendation.

Science Fair - the Shade Tree booth at the event was a success. Kids enjoyed the sponges demonstrating the difference in amount of water held by a big sponge (tree) and a little sponge (tree).

Blue Sky discussion – Now that the abandoned Franklin Avenue Garage is finally gone, how might the space be used? How about a garden or park? Lots of good ideas, but it may be two years or longer before the site is remediated and proposals considered.

Daffodil Day - volunteers were sought for the annual event. The Parks Department has secured Red Buds and Dogwoods for the event. The event is scheduled for April 27.

HealthBarn - HealthBarn USA has donated \$2,500 to purchase 10 trees to celebrate its 10-year anniversary at Habernickel Park.

Tree Ordinance - Councilmember Winograd provided an update on the ordinance, Sight Line Obstructions impact on Trees, Final 2025 Budget commitment to 200 trees, HealthBarn's Anniversary Donation of ten trees and the work effort with Ridgewood Water for replacement trees in all four raindrop municipalities.

*Brooke our GWMS student/mitzvah representative reported on her efforts within Willard for adopt a sapling. She and other students will be in attendance at Earth Day to help promote AaS

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Adjournment at 9:06 pm. Next meeting, Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 pm in the Garden Room at Village Hall

-Minutes recorded by Adam Brown and STC colleagues