



VILLAGE OF
RIDGEWOOD



Ridgewood Shade Tree Commission 5/13/2025 Minutes

In attendance: Adam Brown, Matt Andrula, Tim Hlavacek, Nancy Brennan-Hill, Siobhan Winograd, Deborah Steinbaum, Declan Madden, Emma Bowman, Kieran Ozaydin. Medhi Manii joined via speaker phone.

Minutes compiled by Deborah Steinbaum

-Meeting in the Garden Room called to order by Adam Brown at 7:40 pm.

-Minutes from the April 2025 meeting were approved

REPORTS

- 1) Co-chairs Update - 5/1/5 is cutoff for Adopt-a-Sapling requests. Have requests for 60 saplings and 109 street trees. Discussed digital push for more adopters.
- 2) Village Council Liaison (Siobhan)
 - Final budget hearing is 5/14
 - 5 schools together are applying for Trees For Schools grant of up to \$250K, STC submitted letter of support.
- 3) Daffodil Fest Debrief (All) - Overall, successful day. Had leftover whips, next year will give out less. People liked the dual choice of tree variety. Discussed bare root vs potted whips for next year.
- 4) Tree Ordinance - Codified!!!
- 5) Virtual Option for Meetings - deferred
- 6) Social Media (Medhi) - Many views, not many following account. Discussed options to increase community engagement.
- 7) 1000 Trees Initiative (Tim) - Discussed how to count street trees, goal of 200 new street trees/saplings per year. Ideas for 1000 Tree Challenge to engage community (ex/ competition who gets to 1000 first -> new street trees vs new private trees)
- 8) RHS Green Team (Kieran Ozaydin, Emma Bowman) - Trees for Schools grant involvement outlined, Green Team students mapped out where the trees can be planted at the different schools

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ADJOURNMENT

-Adjournment at 8:30pm. Next meeting June 10 at 7:30 pm in the Garden Room at Village Hall

-Minutes recorded by Deborah Steinbaum