

RIDGEFIELD TREE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the April 20, 2011 meeting

Present: Nancy Boersma, Joe Eltz, William Molyneux, John Pinchbeck, Tom Venus and Vicki Yolen

Absent: David Andry

Called to order at 4:50pm

Joe Eltz made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting it was seconded by Nancy Boersma.

Treasurer's Report: Not available

John Molyneux Memorial Tree

A *Sophora japonica* was planted April 21, 2011

Notable Tree Book: Nancy spoke with Jean Jaykus the Science Supervisor for the elementary schools. Two copies will be issued per fourth grade for each of the six elementary schools.

Tree Warden's Report: Ridgefield has been recognized for its tenth year as Tree City USA. John to have new sign hung along Route 7 at the North end. Main Street has been mulched by the Boy Scouts. A picture of the John Molyneux Memorial Tree will be taken with the Tree Committee and possibly Chris Donnelly. The picture will be placed in the press with a mention of the tree being planted in memory of John Molyneux and in honor of Arbor Day. John has given a list of trees for wet areas to Ben Oko for the Turner Hill Project. There has been some talk of a project for Main St. that would encompass burying all lines underground. Route 35 grant of \$500,000 to do work down by Marty Motors. The *Nyssa sylvatica* planted in Richardson Park has died all the other plants have done well.

New Business: Nancy Boersma will talk to Jack at the press about an article on proper mulching techniques.

Old Business: The Tree Committee is still in need of a seventh member.

Meeting Adjourned 5:35pm

Next Meeting May 18, 2011

Minutes Taken by William Molyneux