

Ridgefield Tree Committee

Ridgefield, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2011
Tree Warden's Office, 60 South Street

Members present - Nancy Boersma, David Andry (scribe), Tom Venus,
Joe Eltz and Tree Warden John Pinchbeck

Absent: Vicki Yolen, Will Molyneux

I. Meeting called to order at 4:46 p.m.

II. Minutes of the April 20, 2011, 2010 meeting were approved

III. Treasurer's Report: Bank balance as of June 15, 2011 is \$ 3,507.36

Transactions this month:

- \$150 deposit (donation)

IV. John Molyneux Tree Honorarium:

- Nancy will prepare article and picture for the Ridgefield Press.

V. Notable Tree Project:

- Nancy reported that she sent letter to all 4th grade teachers and this topic will be part of the curriculum next fall for 4th graders when trees are discussed in their Science classes.

VI. Tree Warden's Report

- John reported that two High School interns started and should be completing their work on the Main Street inventory.
- John showed pictures of Norway Maple taken down in Ballard Park, which was completely rotted.
- John reported that only 3 trees fell on the last storm
- CL&P is just about complete with pruning in town
- Richardson Park – the Fern-Leaf Beech was replaced and Black Gum is going to be pruned
- Nancy suggested to John that he consider a light pruning for trees on Main Street, all agreed.

VII. Old Business

- Route 7 Tree City USA sign needs to go up again.
- Committee thought we should write to Arbor Day Association and ask for additions Tree City USA signs, maybe a bit smaller.
- Nancy suggested an additional Tree City USA sign on RT 35 coming into Ridgefield from Westchester County.

VIII. New business;

- New Tree Committee member? Nancy suggested she ask a high school Science teacher if any students were interested.
- Nancy reported that she is seeing more and more parking by construction employees on grass, near trees, in the root zone. This will compact soil and harm trees. She will work on a note that states such and that it is a violation of Ridgefield Tree Ordinance. Everyone agreed that we would table this until next meeting where all Committee members were present.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Andry