

**Emerson Shade Tree Commission Minutes  
September 9, 2015**

**Roll Call:**

Chairman Hoffman	Present
Mr. Frassa	Present
Ms. Frassa	Present
Vice Chairman Bueti	Present
Mr. Kraycinovich	Present
Mr. Bosch	Present
Councilwoman DiPaola	Called in at 8:30
Secretary Merida	Present
Meeting called to order at 7:30	Present

The announcement was made regarding notice of this meeting and posting of all such notice. Fire exit locations were identified to all present.

**Monthly Budget Update:**

Approval to sign a voucher for the Record and Ridgewood News for \$42.53 signed by Mr. Hoffman.

Have \$11,263.38 for tree planting.

Motion to Open: Ed Bueti

Second: Steve Frassa

Dot Haight, 84 Lincoln Blvd attended meeting to see what "it is all about" as well as "who makes decisions to close parks for tree work", "who/how do we notify about unsafe trees" and "what is a bid package"

Motion to close to public: Steve Frassa

Second: Craig Bosch

**Tree Inspector's Report:**

75 Demarest Ave-Mrs. Heyer. Oak tree must be trimmed and letter sent to Bob Hoffman to have someone go check sidewalk damage.

7 Patrick-3 pear trees already approved to be removed, DPW will remove them.

Also should remove the 2 pear trees in the island.

7 Mitchell- Damage to arborvitaes done by Tenafly DPW

209 Colonial- Tree has been removed by sidewalk is damaged. Stump must also be ground.

Sunset Park-6-7 trees need approval to be removed

Washington Park- 4-5 trees have been approved to be removed.

8:30 pm: Phone call from Councilwoman DiPaola- Discussed how to get bid package done in a timely manner and the damage done to the arborvitaes at 7 Mitchell by the Tenafly DPW.

**Motion:** Trim oak tree at 75 Demarest and cut down 2 pears in the island at 7 Patrick.

Motion: Diana Frassa

Second: Craig Bosch

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Tree Planting: Discussed bids submitted by Forcellati and Rohsler's.

**Motion:** To choose Forcellati as our tree contractor for 2015 based on their lower average price.

Motion: Steve Frassa

Second: Diana Frassa

Note: Tree planting will not be completed in fall due to drought. Will send out bids again in Spring 2016.

2. Paver Path Proposal: Is environmental commission imposing on any tree roots with pavers? Then they must ask Shade Tree Commission for permission.

Ken spoke to Michael Griggs from the Environmental Commission re: pavers. Mr. Griggs does not feel pavers would damage any trees. Idea of joint meeting with Environmental Commission.

3. Emerson Woods Oversight: Mr. Hoffman wrote letter to Bob Hoffmann re: trees that have fallen down on trails and on site survey of property to check the trails. Letter will be sent.

4. Review of 2015 Student Apprentice Program: Student is insured and going with Steve Frassa.

**New Business:**

1. Tree management at First Street: Mr. Buono will take down 1 house and build 2. He cut down trees without a tree planting plan. Mr. Hoffman will write a letter to land use board addressing this.

**Motion to Adjourn** was made by Steve Frassa and carried by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Merida