

Brookdale Park Conservancy Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2010

Discussion item: Tree Survey

The group agreed that it made sense to pursue at least one or two more quotes for the tree inventory and hazard assessment project. Lois Palomaki sent an email to Rutgers Cook College Associate Professor, Jason Grabosky, requesting any help that he might offer. His current research includes survey and testing of established landscapes.

Action: Lois will report any feedback received from Jason Grabosky.

Pat Kenschaft reported that Steve Shuckman, an arborist, took Montclair residents every spring to tour Brookdale Park trees. He told the county of his findings as part of his certification. The group toured Brookdale Park in 2 hours and saw some dangers.

Action: Peter Gargiulo to contact Steve Shuckman regarding his findings and communications with the County.

Action: Nick Joanow to contact Ralph Caputo for his help through diplomatic channels. Nick will also try to get some dates for Ralph to attend a meeting with the BPC.

Discussion Item: October 5th Meeting of Essex County Municipal Environmental Commissions and Green Teams

Actions: Pat Kenschaft will forward an email from Gray Russell

Discussion Item: Membership

It was reported that 9 new members signed up over the summer. Greta Goss was at last Board meeting and may be interested.

Action: Pat Kenschaft will draft a letter to the general membership that we continue to need support.

Discussion Item: Unauthorized cutting down of trees

It was reported that someone was seen cutting down trees in Brookdale Park, When questioned, they replied that they had a home project and needed wood.

Someone mentioned to Bruce that they were trying to make a bike path by the dog park.

Action: Peter will follow up with Bruce

Discussion Item: Wildflower project

Action: Kathy Salzbury to provide update.

Discussion Item: Ridgewood Bridge repair

Action: Peter to follow up with Joe DiVincenzo

Discussion Item: Speeding in Park

It was reported that 300 tickets were issued in a year. Speed bumps were suggested. There was a concern for cyclists. A 10 foot bike lane without bumps was recommended.

It was mentioned that some debris was dumped along the curb creating a hazard for cyclists.

It was mentioned that there are great signs in Nutley, "Drive 25 Keep Kids Alive" in red letters.

Action: Vince will draft letter about signs.

Pat made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Fred.