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Subject: FW: Heritage Tree Village of Ridgewood, NJ
Attachments: Letter to Bennett re Heritage Tree 10-17-23.pdf; Declan reports.pdf; Invoice for work on tree.pdf; Almstead Complete Proposal.pdf

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Mr Bennett,

Please find attached correspondence and related documents pertaining to the recent Certification of Recognition issued to the Village of Ridgewood designating a Heritage Tree.

Thank you.

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The Schedler Maple Tree

Address: 460 West Saddle River Road
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Date: 8/1/18

Inspected by: Declan Madden, Village Arborist, L.T.E # 546.

Type of Inspection: Visual tree Analysis from the ground.

Tree Species: sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*)

Inspection Goal: Ensure the health and structure of the plant. Ensuring public safety is the Village of Ridgewood's primary concern.

Tree location:

Adjacent to the house that is located on the property

Tree Characteristics:

Stem Diameter: 47.75" D.B.H.

Height: 65 ft. (Estimated)

Health Assessment: Good

Site Characteristics:

The tree is growing in a grassy area next to the house that is located on the property

Structural Analysis:

Root Analysis: The root zone is unrestricted except on the house side of the tree.

Root Collar: 16 root flares were visible at the base of the tree.

Stem: There is a small cavity present at approx. 11.5 feet up the main stem of the tree. There are two large co-dominant leads present at approx. 17 feet with a through rod that was installed to hold the two leads from separating. There were three cables installed at approx. 35 feet in the canopy. The cables were installed to prevent additional co-dominant leads from separating in high winds.



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Crown and major branches/leaders: Dead limbs comprise less than 10% of the crown. There are three (3) branches that have broken-out during recent storms, these branches are hung-up in the tree and should be removed as soon as possible. The branches that are touching the roof of the house should be elevated. All stub-outs and dead branches two (2) inches and above should be removed.

Risk Assessment:

The tree poses a low risk of failure due to the through rod and cables that were installed previously.

Recommendations: All deadwood present in the canopy should be pruned out, all cables and hardware should be inspected and replaced if necessary. A root invigoration should be performed in the root zone of the tree (air-spading and mulch application) which would alleviate any compaction that occurred during tree removal or construction. A fence should be installed around the "Drip Line" of the tree (if possible) in order to prevent any future damage or soil compaction in the root zone area of the tree. The tree should be monitored closely into senescence.

Report Prepared By: Declan Madden L.T.E # 546.



Village of Ridgewood
Department of Parks & Recreation

Nancy A. Bigos, Director

Tree Structure Evaluation Report as of 12/6/2018

Property Owner: Village of Ridgewood

Address : 460 West Saddle River Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey, 07450

Inspected by : Declan Madden , Village Arborist, L.T.E #546

Type of Inspection : Visual inspection from the ground

Inspection Goal: Assess the health and structure of the plant.

Tree # 1

Tree Species: Carya ovata (shagbark hickory)

Tree location : Close to west saddle river road , next to electrical pole # 62229

Tree characteristics :

Stem Diameter : 17" at D.B.H

Height : 50 feet approx.

Health Assessment : Fair

Site characteristics : The tree is growing in a grassy area next to the house on the property.

Structural Analysis :

Root analysis : The root zone is unrestricted except on the street side of the tree.

Root collar : No root flares were visible.

Stem : The main stem divides into 2 lead branches at approx.. 20 feet above the ground. There are 2 large cavities below where the stem divides.

Crown and major branches /leaders : Dead limbs comprise less than 5% of the crown.

Risk Assessment : This tree poses a high risk of failure due to the 2 large cavities present in the stem. The weight of the entire tree is above these 2 defects in the tree.

Recommendations : Due to the presence of "DECAY" In the main stem. REMOVAL OF THIS TREE IS RECOMMENDED.

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Tree # 2

Tree Species : Carya ovata (shagbark hickory)

Tree location: Close to the main entrance to the house next to tree #1

Tree Characteristics:

Stem: Diameter : 29.5 " at D.B.H

Height: 50 feet approx.

Health Assessment: Good

Site Characteristics: The tree is growing in a grassy area next to the house that is on the property

Structural Analysis:

Root analysis: The root zone is unrestricted except on the house side of the tree

Root collar: 6 root flares are visible

Stem: The main stem divides into several lead branches at approx.. 16 feet above the ground

Crown and major branches / leaders: Dead limbs comprise less than 10% of the crown

Risk Assessment: This tree poses a low risk of failure

Recommendations: All "DEADWOOD" 2 inches and above should be PRUNED out of this tree

Tree # 3

Tree Species: Acer saccharum (sugar maple)

Tree location: The tree is located close to the house next to tree # 2.

Tree characteristics:

Stem Diameter: 26.5 " at D.B.H

Height: 55feet approx.

Health Assessment: Good

Site Characteristics: The tree is growing in a grassy area close to the house on the property.

Structural Analysis:

Root analysis: Root zone is unrestricted except on the house side of the tree

Root Collar: 6 root flares are visible

Stem: The stem has no major defects present

Crown and major branches/ leaders: Dead limbs comprise less than 5% of the crown

Risk Assessment: This tree poses a low risk of failure

Recommendations: REMOVE THE LOWEST BRANCH WHICH HAS A CAVITY PRESENT IN IT , PRUNE all "DEADWOOD" 2 INCHES AND ABOVE FROM THE TREE

REPORT PREPARED BY : Declan Madden L.T.E # 546



VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD

131 NORTH MAPLE AVENUE
RIDGEWOOD, N.J. 07450-3287

DUPLICATE

PURCHASE ORDER

THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES,
PACKING LISTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

No. 19-04319

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SHIP TO

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD PARKS
203 E. GLEN AVENUE
RIDGEWOOD, NJ 07450
ATTN: NANCY BIGOS

VENDOR

VENDOR #: 00290
ALMSTEAD TREE & SHRUB CARE
COMPANY LLC
504 HIGH MOUNTAIN RD
NORTH HALEDON, NJ 07508

ORDER DATE: 10/29/19
REQUISITION NO: 19-00821
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STATE CONTRACT: BROF
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PLEASE DO NOT CHARGE SALES TAX
TAX EXEMPT NO. 22-6002257

SIGN BELOW & RETURN WITH INVOICE(S) TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

QTY/UNIT	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NO.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
1.00	SUGAR MAPLE AT THE SCHEDLER PROPERTY IS TO BE PRUNED, HAVE PLANT HEALTH CARE TREATMENTS AND ALLEVIATE SOIL COMPACTION DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AND PROLONG IT'S LIFE AT THIS HISTORIC SITE.	C-04-55-9CA-174	6,100.0000	6,100.00
			TOTAL	6,100.00

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I do solemnly declare and certify under the penalties of the law that the within bill is correct in all its particulars;
that the articles have been furnished or services rendered as stated therein; that no bonus has been given or
received by any person or persons within the knowledge of this claimant in connection with the above claim; that
the amount therein stated is justly due and owing; and that the amount charged is a reasonable one.

VENDOR'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

☐ BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE ENCLOSED, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED

IS YOUR COMPANY INCORPORATED? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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37" Sugar Maple, Schleder Property (Historic Site)

Arbor Care Recommendations

The following recommendations are for Arbor Care on the property, which includes all phases of pruning, cabling, and tree removals. Unless otherwise noted: branches are chipped and removed from the property, and stumps are cut as close to grade as conditions will allow; and when stump grinding is recommended, stumps are ground 6-8" below grade and the hole is backfilled with the resulting debris.

Arbor Care: Tree Pruning

1. Prune to clean all deadwood 1.5" in diameter and larger, as well as any and all storm damaged branching that may be found.
 - a. Supply and install three (3) EHS cables, to support co-dominant canopy during severe weather, mitigating likelihood of failure.

Cost\$875.00

Organic Care: Air Spading

An Air Spade uses a focused stream of compressed air to break up and remove soil. It is faster than conventional digging, and it eliminates the danger of damaging tree roots and underground utilities. We use this tool for several of our Organic Care services.

1. Radical trenching and vertical mulching throughout root zone to decompact and incorporate amendments. Compost, GVH granular Humate/soil restorer, worm castings and Biochar.

***Compost Tea application completed at same time to add active, live soil biology.*

Cost\$1,180.00

Arbor Care: Soil Sample Test

1. Soil sample testing on 37" Sugar Maple to determine if deficiencies are present. Fertilization's and amendments will be adjusted accordingly.

Cost\$100.00

Plant Health Care Recommendations

Plant Health Care: Arbotect Injection

1. Preventative treatment to protect against Dutch Elm Disease on 37" Sugar Maple tree. A systemic injection pump system is used to distribute the Arbotect fungicide throughout the tree internally, starting at the roots and moving up into the canopy. (June 15th – July 12th)

Cost of Arbotect Injection \$1,375.00

Plant Health Care: Spring Soil Care and Root Fertilization

In this treatment, nutrients and soil amendments are injected beneath the soil directly into the root zones of plants using hydraulic technology, which also helps to break up soil compaction.

1. Subsurface injection to 37" Sugar Maple tree, to improve overall health and vigor. Apply 250 gallons with bio-stimulant, Sea Kelp, Humate, and 2% 18-0-6 NPK with 40% SRN and micro mix.

Cost of Soil Care and Root Fertilization \$612.50

Plant Health Care: Fall Soil Care and Root Fertilization

In this treatment, nutrients and soil amendments are injected beneath the soil directly into the root zones of plants using hydraulic technology, which also helps to break up soil compaction.

2. Subsurface injection to 37" Sugar Maple tree, to improve overall health and vigor. Apply 250 gallons with bio-stimulant, Sea Kelp, Humate, and 2% 6-0-12 NPK with 60% SRN and micro mix.

Cost of Soil Care and Root Fertilization \$612.50

Plant Health Care: Fall Soil Injection of Insecticide

1. Soil injection of insecticide to 37" Sugar Maple tree. This treatment drastically reduces the presence of a wide array of soft bodied scales and other sap sucking insects. A systemic injection pump is used to distribute the control throughout the tree internally, from the roots up through the canopy. One application remains effective for an entire year. (September 15th – October 12th)

Cost of Soil Injection of Insecticide \$290.00



Plant Health Care: Preventative Agri-Fos Application

Bleeding canker is a serious infection that weakens trees and makes them dangerously susceptible to further insect and disease problems. Preventative treatment for Phytophthora is a key measure in protecting valuable landscape trees. European Beeches are especially prone to the disease.

1. Reliant application for the prevention of various stem and canker diseases on 37" Sugar Maple, as well as an overall health and vigor enhancer, and increasing immune system causing an SAR response (systemic acquired resistance) to ward off pathogen attack and speed plant recovery.
(May 5th – June 11th)
2. Fall treatment as described above to prevent 'bleeding canker.'

Cost of 2 Preventative Agri-Fos Application @ \$265 each visit \$530.00

Plant Health Care: Fall Compost Tea Soil Injection – (STEA3)

In this treatment, compost tea is injected beneath the soil directly into the root zones of plants.

1. Subsurface injection of freshly brewed active compost tea to 37" Sugar Maple, increasing soil biology and soil food web nutrient cycling, inoculation soil with beneficial fungi and bacteria, and well as other disease preventing microorganisms like Trichoderma and beneficial protozoa. Apply 150 gallons.

Cost of Compost Tea Soil Injection \$525.00



Almstead Tree & Shrub Care Co.
504 High Mountain Road, North Haledon, NJ 07508

Phone: [REDACTED]
Fax: 973-636-6722

Authorization to Proceed

37" Sugar Maple, Schleder Property (Historic Site)

☐ Arbor Care: Tree Pruning	\$875.00
☐ Arbor Care: Air Spading	\$1,180.00
☐ Arbor Care: Soil Sample Test	\$100.00
☐ Plant Health Care: Arobotect Injection	\$1,375.00
☐ Plant Health Care: Spring Soil Care and Root Fertilization	\$612.50
☐ Plant Health Care: Fall Soil Care and Root Fertilization	\$612.50
☐ Plant Health Care: Fall Soil Injection of Insecticide	\$290.00
☐ Plant Health Care: Agri-Fos Application (\$265 x 2 applications)	\$530.00
☐ Plant Health Care: Compost Tea Soil Injection	\$525.00

☐ Authorize all services listed above (\$6,100.00)

For your convenience, your program will be CONTINUOUS unless otherwise noted. Upon authorization, you will automatically receive these Plant Health Care and/or Lawn Care Recommendations year after year. Any service may be cancelled at any time by contacting us prior to application.

() Please do not automatically renew the services on this contract.



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Amount of Deposit (1/2 or greater): \$ _____

☐ **Pay by Check**

Please make checks payable to Almstead Tree & Shrub Care Company.

☐ **Pay Online**

Pay your deposit online easily and securely using any major credit card. Simply visit
<https://almstead.com/payment/> and reference the following invoice number: **VILL259**

☐ **Pay by Credit Card**

The credit card provided will be charged for the deposit of the work outlined above. Unless
otherwise noted, this credit card will also be charged for the balance upon completion of the work.

Name on card: _____ ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ AmEx
Billing Address: _____ Card Number: _____
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State: _____ Zip: _____

Almstead Tree & Shrub Care Company is authorized to proceed with the work outlined in this proposal.
I understand that the amounts listed above do not include sales tax, and that I am responsible for
payment of same, or for providing a Tax Exempt Certificate to Almstead Tree, Shrub & Lawn Care.

Authorization Signature: Heather A. Maulandor Date: 11/1/2019
Customer: VILL259