



HAWTHORNE

Shade Tree Commission

BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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June 7, 2011 Meeting Notes

Start Time: 7:30PM
End Time: 10:15PM

Attendance:

Chairperson Pieter Slump (PSL) – yes
Vice chairperson John Terry (JT) - yes
Commissioner Rick Hockenberry (RH) - yes
Commissioner Phil Savoie (PS) – yes
Commissioner Dave Sailer (DS) - yes
Alternate Jack Fannin (JF) – yes
Alternate Declan Madden (DM) – no
Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW) – no
Borough Arborist Steve Schuckman (SS) – no

JF Motion to open June 2011 HSTC meeting, RH seconded, approved unanimously.

1. Public session if needed.

PS Motion to open public session, JF seconded, unanimous approval.

Mrs. Rita Petruccelli of 97 Rea Ave- Resident would like to make sure that she can go ahead with her driveway paving. PSL will make sure that the London Planes are on the pruning list.

PS motion to close public session, RH seconded, unanimously approved.

2. New items

A. Friends of Trees group / email contact list. Update from Dave on the developments with HSTC website. Ask contacts to email in any stump locations? *DS to send out email re. stumps. DS to make up outline as to how we want to develop the website.*

B. Request from Declan Madden to rent resistograph. Discussion. *Borough Administrator Eric Maurer has informed us that this would be use of a public good for private business gain. Therefore it is not possible to rent it out.*

C. Mary Ave – Request by Mr. Fulvio Grosso to remove one large oak at the dead end of Mazur Place. Discussion. *Mr. Grosso will pay replacement assessment of \$2500 and be responsible for the tree's removal. The hired contractor has to be bonded and follow borough code. PSL Motion to approve Mr. Grosso's removal request at 3 Mary Street of the large oak at the end of Mazur Place, with Mr. Grosso paying the replacement assessment of \$2500 and paying for the removal of the tree. JF seconded, RH voted no. PSL, JT, PS, DS, JF voted yes.*

D. 97 Rea Ave – Request by Mrs. Rita Petrucci for removal of London Planes. *PSL motion to deny removal request of two large London Planes in front of 97 Rea Ave. Seconded PS. Unanimous approval.*

E. PSEG – Line work in the Borough, request by Guy Vogt for permission to do tree pruning to start around mid-June. *PSL and PS to talk with Guy Vogt about notifying us in the event that trees need to be removed.*

F. Paul Cowie – Status / progress on inventory? One-third of work to have been done by May 21. Discussion. Vote on whether to continue with project? *DS to contact Paul Cowie to get a status update.*

G. Scanning all documents and storing in one or two locations. Appropriate funds to purchase memory? *Mention only, topic will be picked up again next month.*

H. Shade Tree Federation meeting October 21 – 22. Who plans on going? *Mention only.*

I. Request by Mr. Cifaldi of Ridge Road, North Haledon to remove 2 tulip trees on Hawthorne property. Discussion. *PS motion to deny Mr. Cifaldi's second request to remove and/or prune Borough of Hawthorne trees on the hillside below his property on Ridge Road, North Haledon consistent with the previous denial letter sent to this resident. RH seconded. Yes votes: PS, JT, DS, RH, JF. PSL abstained.*

4. Review of April 2011 Meeting notes.

PSL Motion to approve April 2011 Meeting notes, PS seconded, unanimously approved.

5. Review of May 2011 Meeting notes.

PSL Motion to approve May 2011 Meeting notes, DS seconded, unanimously approved.

6. Budget review.

A. 2011 Budget discussion.

1. What should we do with available funds – prune trees, and/or plant trees in the fall?
We are leaning towards using the tree budget for a fall planting.

2. Any surprise charges made to our accounts? *No.*

OLD ITEMS / Mention only:

1. Paul's Motors and Bouma Tree of Oakland issued summonses by PSL for not having a permit and pruning borough trees on Friday April 22. *Mention only.*

2. PS and PSL to get the updated planting list to Tode for fall planting. *Mention only.*

3. Can anyone water the planting we did for Arbor Day? Write letter to Mrs. Roughgarden thanking her for letting us use her water. *PS might be able to water.*

4. 10 Second Avenue- Borough Attorney, Walt Marston, and PSL had meeting with resident's attorney on June 1, 2011. Resident has 2 -3 weeks to repair sidewalk. However, resident's engineer might present a different sidewalk design to the HSTC to take resident's concerns into account. *Mention only.*

5. JW to talk to the little league baseball about not parking around tree area at the end of the service road at the ball field by the town pool. Any developments here? *Mention only, JW not in attendance.*

6. HSTC secretary/assistant position – when does this person start? Meeting with Ellen? *PSL to reach out to Ellen and Joe Clementi.*

7. Patriot Development project, Goffle Rd. Final judgment will be made when? *June 21st is the final date.*

8. Forestry grant for tree inventory update. Green Communities Grant awarded for next (3rd) CFMP. PSL to follow up with Sue Witkowski.

9. 3rd CFMP should be on track when Cowie finishes our inventory. *Mention only.*

PSL motion to close, RH seconded, unanimous approval to close meeting.

TIME ENDED: 10:15pm