



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Paul Giardino (PG) – Yes
Commissioner Rick Hockenberry (RH) - Yes
Commissioner Dria Lobosco Stauss (DLS)
Alternate Declan Madden (DM) – No
DPW Liaison Joe Clementi (JC) – No
Borough Arborist Steve Schuckman (SS) – No

Vice Chairperson Tom Dwyer (TD) – Yes
Commissioner Brian VanHook (BV) - Yes
Commissioner David Sailer (DS) – No
Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW) – No
HSTC Secretary Gina Brown (GB) – Yes

Borough Councilman Dominic Mele (DM) was in attendance as Council Liaison in Joe Wojtecki's absence.

Motion to open March 2013 HSTC meeting at 4:30pm made by PG, seconded by RH, approved unanimously.

1. Public Session:

None in attendance.

2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the January 2013 meeting minutes was made by PG, seconded by DLS, unanimous approved.

3. New Business:

A. The members welcomed our new Commissioner, Dria Lobosco-Stauss. Dria is a life-long resident of the Borough and is excited to join the Commission.

B. PG reported on a removal at 57 Old Orchard Drive. Don Turner contacted PG regarding a tree, which was leaning considerable and was potentially hazardous. At the time the tree was thought to be a Borough tree, but then deemed it was the property of the homeowner. Downes removed the tree and the bill will be sent to the homeowner for reimbursement.

C. PG attended the Budget meeting on 3/4/13. In the budget will be the repair of the head gasket to the Borough STC truck, which is \$16,000. Discussion of the repair for the chipper truck took place and that expense is approximately \$1,500. For the most part, this year's budget will be a "typical" one.

D. PG reported that approximately 100 trees were lost in the Borough during Superstorm Sandy and that the borough administration has committed to replacing 150 of them over the next two years. (75 each year) We need to begin to get a planting list together for the spring plantings. Ads are regularly placed in the Hawthorne Press offering this option to homeowners. GB suggested that we post it on the Hawthorne Public Access station on cable TV and will get that information to Charlene for posting.

4. Old Business:

A. Arbor Day 2013 – Saturday, April 27th

PG will need to have a conversation with Kevin Duffy to let him know that since we can not provide the amount of trees he is requesting for HHS that we will not be using that location as our planting site for Arbor Day this year. We do, however, hope to plant some trees as part of our Spring Planting.

The final decision for the planting site will be at the Hawthorne Pool Grounds (across the street from 33 May Street). Tom Dwyer suggested we plant a “Hawthorne Tree” (no thornes) in that spot. Gina will get the final estimates from the vendors and arrange the purchase order.

We need to work with DPW to arrange to have some Mulch delivered to the site for that day as well as have the area “marked out” accordingly.

B. Cel-Earth-Bration - Saturday, April 20th at HHS.

Both PG and GB had a conversation with Rayna Laiosa, Environmental Commission to begin to coordinate the events of this joint venture. Rayna assured us that the event will run smoothly as it has in the past and that the HSTC needs to set up a table of brochures and hand-outs.

At this point the event will run from 10am to 2pm (subject to change). Gina will coordinate Ad placements with Rayna to be run in the Hawthorne Press prior to the event.

The commission will need to make a sign to recognize the donation of the tree by Rick Hockenberry Landscaping. PG will contact Dave Sailer to obtain the Bean Bag Toss Game as well as the tent.

C. TreeFiles & Paul Cowie Update. Both PG and GB have been in touch verbally with Mr. Cowie regarding the program installation and the training for the Tree Files software. After investigating the issue it was found that final payment which was encumbered in 2011 (but wasn't to be payable until Aug 2012) was never issued and since time lapsed the funds were “taken back” by the Borough. In order for Mr. Cowie to receive final payment a new Invoice will need to be generated. The amount due is \$7,200 and this amount is NOT in the 2013 HSTC budget so PG will need to work the Eric Maurer to determine how to get this paid.

PG made a motion to close the meeting at 5:35 TD seconded the motion.