



HAWTHORNE

Shade Tree Commission

BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
445 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY 07506
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May 3, 2011 Meeting notes

Start Time: 7:30PM

End Time: 9:45PM

Attendance:

Chairperson Pieter Slump (PSL) – yes, left at 9:15pm

Vice chairperson John Terry (JT) - yes

Commissioner Rick Hockenberry (RH) - yes

Commissioner Phil Savoie (PS) – yes

Commissioner Dave Sailer (DS) - no

Alternate Jack Fannin (JF) – yes

Alternate Declan Madden (DM) – no

Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW) – yes

Borough Arborist Steve Schuckman (SS) – yes

PSL Motion to open May 2011 HSTC meeting, JF seconded, approved unanimously.

1. Public session if needed.

PSL motion to open public session, seconded PS, unanimous approval.

Mrs. Rita Petruccelli 97 Rea Ave Tel # 551-427-5982 – Resident has 2 old trees next to her driveway. Steve Schuckman has reviewed the trees and they are healthy. Resident would like to remove both trees. She has been waiting since January 2011 to have the trees trimmed. She would like to know what she needs to do to get the trees removed. PS asked her to review the borough ordinance and follow the steps outlined in the ordinance. Then the HSTC will respond to the resident's request. SS recommends trimming the limbs back from the house. JW suggests getting in touch with Anthony DeNova (County Administrator) and presenting our case to limit parking on each side of the driveway.

Mr. Grosso 23-20 Maple Ave, FairLawn (business address) 470 Blue Hill Terrace, Franklin Lakes, Tel 201-693-2208. Mr. Grosso's application is currently with the Planning Board, he would like to build a duplex on 3 Mary Street. Mr. Grosso's attorney DeMarco & DeMarco of North Haledon has notified neighbors of his desire to remove a white oak, as per borough code. JW is concerned about the amount of soil movement that would be needed to be moved/filled in,

to the possible detriment of the neighbor below 3 Mary Street. CTE Colin Milde wrote a report stating that the tree is in decline.

An application was made in 2007 for permission to remove the same tree, and the application was denied at the time. Mr. Grosso would like to know our response by May 17. JW explained to him that the HSTC meets again in June and will likely have a response by then.

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

2. New items

A. Presentation of plaque to Rick Hockenberry. *Mention only. Rick was very appreciative that he was recognized.*

B. Friends of Trees group / email contact list. Update from Dave on the developments with HSTC website. *DS not in attendance, PSL gave update. JW recommends putting this in as a budget item for 2012.*

C. Mary Ave – Request to remove one large oak. *SS to reinspect oak and HSTC to make decision regarding how to move forward.*

D. Paul's Motors – Unauthorized tree trimming by Bouma Tree on Friday April 22. *SS got a pruning request on April 28th to trim the honey locusts. The honey locusts along the Rte. 208 exit ramp and several on Goffle Road were trimmed back hard. JT motion to summons property owner for failure to request permit for trimming town trees, seconded RH, approved RH, JT, JF, PSL, not approved PS. JT motion to summons Bouma Tree of Oakland, seconded JF, unanimous approval.*

E. 10 Second Avenue- PSL wrote letter to homeowner. Homeowner and attorney seeking further discussion. *Meeting to be arranged.*

G. 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.

3. Update from Steve Schuckman. *Points covered:*

A. SS to start a new work order sheet to keep up with the inventory.

B. SS talked to Paul Cowie about update on the grant.

C. SS to be kept informed about what to happen with all tree work.

D. SS was given door hangers for residents.

E. Production reports from November forward.

4. 2011 Activities.

1. Tree Inventory – Paul Cowie confirmed to PSL that he will have 30% done by May 21. *Mention only.*
2. 3rd CFMP should be on track when Cowie finishes our inventory. *Mention only.*
3. Work processes plan & documentation, etc. *Mention only.*
4. Scanning all documents and storing in one or two locations. Appropriate funds to purchase memory? *To be discussed at June 2011 meeting.*
5. Anything else?

5. Review of April 2011 Meeting notes.

To be voted on at June 2011 meeting.

6. Budget review. No budget review done at the meeting.

A. 2011 Budget discussion.

1. What should we do with available funds – prune trees, and/or plant trees in the fall?
2. Any surprise charges made to our accounts?

7. Spring 2011 Planting

A. Scanlon Planting

1. Shrub katsuras at pool location are doing well. *Mention only.*
2. Replanting the newly vacant sites should be done within a month. *Mention only.*

B. Tode Planting

1. PS and PSL cleaned up planting list 3/20/11. Tode should be getting a list of planting sites within several weeks. *Mention only.*

8. Cel-Earth-Bration

1. Donated tree from Rick Hockenberry / American Nursery in Fair Lawn. *Thank you Rick and American Nursery.*

9. Arbor Day – We planted the white pine from Space Shuttle, and locally bought white pine, 2 syringa reticulatas were installed by Tode. About 25 kids from Boys and Girls Club attended the event and enjoyed planting the tubelings. Honorary plaque presented to Phil Savoie. *Mention only.*

OLD ITEMS / Mention only:

1. Copy of Borough Code in HSTC files. *Mention only.*
2. 250 Rea Ave – maples on side of house to be pruned back and one removed.
3. HSTC secretary/assistant position – when does this person start?
4. 18 Barker Ave.-Letter dated August 22, 2010, PSE&G gas line issue. *PSL to write letter to PSEG. PS to get email correspondence to PSL.*
5. 10 Cornell Avenue-Letter dated August 20, 2010, regarding new sidewalk issue and hairline crack. Waiting on response from Administrator & Borough Engineer. *PSL to follow up with John Bertollo and Joe Wojtecki.*
6. 416 Lafayette Ave, water line replacement. Zelkova has been removed, discussion regarding sidewalk replacement.
7. PSEG – line replacement from North Haledon to Dunkin Donuts. Some Watchung Ave residents have asked for replacement trees.
8. Patriot Development project, Goffle Rd. Final judgment will be made when?
9. Forestry grant for tree inventory update. Green Communities Grant awarded for next (3rd) CFMP. *PSL to follow up with Sue Witkowski.*
10. Aspen Landscaping / State Cool Cities planting – We need to get Aspen a list of the dead tree sites, for replacement. Stake removal.
11. Pricing of tank, pump and trailer for watering newly planted trees on our own - used units cost around \$500, brand new units \$2500, without the trailer

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

TIME ENDED: 9:45 pm