



HAWTHORNE

Shade Tree Commission

BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
445 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY 07506
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April 3, 2012 Meeting Notes

Start Time: 7:30PM
End Time: 10:40PM

Attendance:

Chairperson Pieter Slump (PS) – yes
Vice-chairperson Dave Sailer (DS) - yes
Commissioner Rick Hockenberry (RH) - yes
Commissioner Tom Dwyer (TD) – yes
Commissioner Paul Giardino (PG) – yes, from 7:30 – 7:50pm
Alternate Jack Fannin (JF) – yes, until 8:30pm
Alternate Declan Madden (DM) – no
Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW) – yes, 7:45 – 8:45pm
Contracted Borough Arborist Steve Schuckman - no

PS Motion to open April 2012 HSTC meeting, PG seconded, approved unanimously.

1. Public session if needed.

PS Motion to open public portion of April 2012 HSTC meeting, RH seconded, approved unanimously.

Phil Savoie and Joe Osborne in attendance but they did not choose to address the commission.

Jeff Gardner of 124 Highview Terrace spoke to us about the large tree in his backyard that possibly suffered root damage due to the borough's installation of drainage piping on the easement next to his property. The tree was leaning dangerously towards his neighbor's house and was removed today.

PS Motion to close public portion, DS seconded, approved unanimously.

2. New items

- A. Paul Giardino – resignation requested. *Paul does not want to resign and would like to continue with Shade Tree activities. PS recommended that he take up his discussion with the administration.*
- B. Spring planting – replanting of dead trees from Scanlon from spring and fall 2010. We need to review the planting sites. *TD to look at addresses for replanting.*

- C. 2012 Road Program – short list given to Steve Schuckman for his review and determination. Longer list should be reviewed for infrastructure conflicts. *Mention only.*
- D. HSTC meetings starting in May will begin at 4:30pm, on the same days and at the same location as previously published. *Mention only.*
- E. Clean up at 8-acre Woods. Update from Dave. *Clean-up to be done in conjunction with Arbor Day on April 28.*
- F. Arbor Day update. Saturday April 28. Who will reach out to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school environmental clubs? *Joe Wojtecki will reach out to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. PS to reach out to school environmental clubs, to Charlene Elvin for Channel 77 / Senior Citizens clubs. Joe to get a flyer to the director of the library.*
- G. Parking at Franklin Field / San Guiseppe Way. Any update from council liaison? *Joe will bring this up tomorrow at the Council Meeting.*
- H. DPW employee training with Steve Schuckman – pending discussion with DPW Director Joe Clementi. *Mention only.*
- I. Cel-Earth-Bratton on April 21. Please save the date! Who will be manning the Shade Tree booth? Tree raffle (Rick to take care of tree.) Saplings (125 have been ordered). Tree walks – one at 10:30am, one at 12:15. *DS to make a wooden activity. Put ad in Hawthorne Press.*
- J. Look at HSTC calendar. Anything new coming up? *Nothing except for Arbor Day and Cel-Earth-Bratton.*
- K. Channel 77 message. *PS asked Charlene Elvin to put an announcement on Channel 77.*
- L. Update HSTC contact list. *Mention only.*
- M. Brainstorming re. priorities and activities for 2012. *Mention only:*
 - 1. *Arbor Day – April 27 (last Friday in April).*
 - 2. *Cel-Earth-Bratton – April 21st - 20th year of Cel-Earth-Bratton*
 - 3. ***9/11 Memorial – tree planting.***
 - 4. *Hawthorne Day in the fall.*
 - 5. *Develop and implement town-wide pruning plan. Waiting on Paul Cowie’s complete inventory.*
 - 6. *Improve contact, information flow, and working relationship with DPW. This should happen once our meetings move to a 4:30pm start, and an Administration representative will attend the beginning section of our meetings.*

3. Review of March 2012 Meeting notes.

PS Motion to approve March 2012 meeting notes, RH seconded, unanimous approval.

4. Budget review.

A. 2012 Budget discussion. Budget still to be finalized.

1. Spring planting - \$6000 encumbered from 2011. *PS motion to encumber \$1500 for Arbor Day planting to be done with Tode Landscaping, RH seconded, unanimous approval. PS motion to encumber remainder of 2011 funds for replanting of dead 2010 plantings, DS seconded, unanimous approval.*

2. Clerical assistance, to be started after budget is finalized.

5. OLD ITEMS / Mention only:

A. CTE update. *Council approved Steve Schuckman as contracted CTE.*

B. Where does Paul Cowie stand with the CFMP? *Phil Savoie and PS are working on reviewing the draft of the CFMP.*

C. Get tree care wording put into sidewalk and road reconstruction contract for Boswell Engineering. *PS reviewed Boswell Engineering's road specifications book, but found very little guidance that would help us to put greater clarity regarding the contractors' responsibilities for the care and treatment of trees into Hawthorne's bid specifications.*

D. Tree removal request – 129 9th Ave, tree is fine but there is a small amount of crown cleaning required. *Mention only.*

E. 15 Cathy Ave – The maple is on the pruning list. Resident still has to be notified. *Mention only.*

F. Independent HSTC website. Develop a list of 12 monthly tree-related actions (January – prune trees and shrubs, February – protect bark from sunscald, etc)? Review poster from US Dept of Agriculture that has some good ideas.

Priorities: PR, News, Rules / borough code, Photo gallery, history, cross-marketing with “Friends of Trees” group, sidewalk diagram, educational links (Arbor Day Foundation)

Goals: Get positive PR, increase public awareness.

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

TIME ENDED: 10:40PM