



HAWTHORNE

Shade Tree Commission

BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
445 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY 07506
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February 7, 2012 Meeting notes

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

Attendance:

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

PSL Motion to open February 2012 HSTC meeting, RH seconded, approved unanimously.

1. Public session if needed.

PSL motion to open public portion of meeting, DS seconded, unanimous approval.

Resident Tom Dwyer in attendance; he is an avid gardener with much experience in landscaping, tree planting, and other related activities. He will fill in the volunteer form and give it back to PSL.

PSL motion to close public portion of meeting, RH seconded, unanimous approval.

2. New items

- A. Joe Wojtecki is concerned that the trees at the pool have been pruned again too hard, beyond the 10' requirement.
- B. Joe Wojtecki will look into the chain to close off access at San Guiseppe Way.
- C. Where are lifted sidewalks in town that could be part of the annual sidewalk and road rebuilding project? *Berger on Lafayette Ave, around 50 Bamford Ave near McKinley, Dixie*

Ave near Lincoln, PS will get another address or two, an odd numbered house on Elberon near May.

- D. DPW employees Clayton Turner and Scott Geier are going to the pruning class at Rutgers on Monday Feb. 20. *PS is looking to see if DPW can flip out the holiday (Feb. 20 is Presidents' Day) so these guys can go to the class. Dan Tedeschi will let PS know how it works out.*
- E. Phil completed the required annual reports. Review. *Tree City USA, Tree City Growth Award (Sterling Award awarded to Hawthorne in 2009 – only town in New Jersey), Annual Accomplishment Form for NJ Division of Parks and Forestry.*
- F. Eric Maurer is preparing the tree bid and would like HSTC input. *DS and PS will work with Eric Maurer to help him put the bid together.*
- G. Additional cabinet space in meeting room – what will be stored there? We need to file records to make end-of-year reporting easier to do. *Boxes with public outreach documents will go into the new blue cabinet space.*
- H. Cel-Earth-Bratton on April 21. Please save the date! Tree raffle? Saplings? How can we make our part more interesting? *Scavenger hunt? Tree walk?*
- I. Meeting with Mayor, Borough Administrator – Monday Feb. 27 @ 4:30pm.
- J. Where does Paul Cowie stand with the CFMP? *PS will touch base with Paul Cowie.*
- K. Proof of payment needed for ARRA grant. *PSL to handle.*
- L. Look at HSTC calendar. *Arbor Day.*
- M. Get tree care wording put into sidewalk and road reconstruction contract for Boswell Engineering. *PSL to do.*
- N. 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. *Hawthorne Day in the fall.*
 - 4. *Develop and implement town-wide pruning plan.*
 - 5. *Improve contact, information flow, and working relationship with DPW. Perhaps get a person from the administration to come to our monthly meetings?*

3. Review of January 2012 Meeting notes.

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

4. Budget review.

A. 2012 Budget discussion. We asked for extra money for small and medium tree pruning for the plantings that have been done since 2006 (roughly 1000 trees). Should we put out a pruning bid for this work to be done November / December 2012? *We were not able to get updated budget paperwork on time for the meeting.*

5. OLD ITEMS / Mention only:

A. Review of meeting with Eric Maurer re. broken trees from Halloween 2011 snowstorm. *Eric would like the HSTC to develop a list of what trees need work.*

B. CTE bid update. *The borough attorney is reviewing the matter.*

C. Arbor Day 2011 planting at 8-acre Woods – deer damage to 3 young trees. DS put plastic irrigation tubing around the two lilac trees. Have we been able to get a replacement space tree? *No replacements white pines are available.*

D. Tree removal request – 129 9th Ave, forwarded to Steve Schuckman for inspection. Do we have any information what the determination was?

E. 3rd CFMP – PS to give several items to Paul so that he can complete the CFMP. Status update. *PS will take care of this soon.*

F. 15 Cathy Ave – give permission for resident to hire outside contractor to trim limb? We will ask the DPW to take care of this.

G. 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.

H. 42 Horton – large white oak in fair condition, suffering from wet wood and as a result has bad-smelling sap oozing out. Has resident been contacted? *PSL to write letter.*

I. Format for residents to arrange for tree planting on borough ROW’s. *PSL to work on.*

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

TIME ENDED: 10:30PM