



# HAWTHORNE

## Shade Tree Commission

**BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE**  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
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### **June 5, 2012 Agenda**

Start Time: 4:30PM

End Time: 6:30PM

#### Attendance:

Chairperson Pieter Slump (PS) – Not Present

Vice-chairperson Dave Sailer (DS) - Present

Commissioner Rick Hockenberry (RH) - Present

Commissioner Tom Dwyer (TD) – Present

Commissioner Paul Giardino (PG) – Present

Alternate Jack Fannin (JF) - Present

Alternate Declan Madden (DM) – Not Present

Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW) – Not Present

Contracted Borough Arborist Steve Schuckman – Not Present

DPW Liaison Joe Clementi (JC) - Present

D.S. Motion to open June 2012 HSTC meeting, P.G. seconded, approved unanimously.

#### **1. Public session if needed.**

No Public Session.

#### **2. New items**

A. Road Rebuilding Program. Pre-con meeting held on May 23, but concrete subcontractor was not in attendance (we still have to meet with him). Steve Schuckman already identified trees to be removed. Walkway from pool parking lot to pool entrance is going to be repaved; HSTC commissioners should be present at time of paving to ensure minimal damage to trees along walkway.

#### **Answered prior to meeting via email: Pieter has card for contractor and will call to make appointment**

B. Sewer problems at 30 Forest Ave. DS and PS inspected the Norway maple at 30 Forest Ave. Tree needs further inspection with resistograph to determine health and vigor of tree. PS informed Mrs. Taylor that she should proceed with finding a contractor and having the contractor contact the HSTC for further instructions. Schedule resistograph testing.

**We discussed that the tree was going to remain in place unless it was determined that the contractor would have problems going around the tree. J.C. commented that the contractor already expressed concerns about being able to go around tree. We need to schedule radiograph and call contractor.**

B2. (added by D.S.) 187 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Issue is with two large trees in front of house at this location. Both trees are centered on the left and right sides of the front entrance sidewalk. According to Pieter both have sever root issues that would prevent round over's because of proximity to driveway and one has a large cavity and both would need to be removed. D.S. requested Steve's report from J.C.

**J.C. mentioned that only one of the trees was on the list to be removed according to the report from S.S. Answered after meeting: both trees were issued P.O.s to be removed.**

C. Parking at Franklin Field / San Guiseppe Way. Boulders are in place. When will the road be blocked off completely with a chain and bollards?

**J.C. Commented that boulders were moved to allow overflow parking. Chain gate will be added around June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

D. Arbor Day and 8-acre Woods clean-up. Pieter and Joe Clementi to identify the locations of the cable buried in the eastern access road and the rusted tractor along the eastern access road towards the end of Llewellyn Ave, for eventual removal.

**J.C. Commented that cable was removed on the 6<sup>th</sup> and that the tractor could not be found. P.S. to either mark location or meet DPW to show location.**

E. Spring planting – planting has been postponed except for Tode's dead oak replacement at High School. Who is grounds supervisor at Board of Education? Inform him of planting.

**Discussed, need to call BOE grounds supervisor.**

F. Small tree formative pruning. We have to put together list of streets that were planted in last five years.

**We will reach out to Phil S. for recent planting lists.**

G. Cel-earth-bration review. A picture and brief write-up in the Hawthorne Press of the tree raffle winner of the Kwanzaan cherry donated by Rick Hockenberry still needs to be done.

**P.G. has been unable to get photo despite repeated visit to resident. Do we have phone number?**

H. Update HSTC contact list. See Pieter for example of contact list.

**Contact information for commissioners was gathered at meeting and will be added to excel file sent.**

I. Letters to be written:

1. Al Kassar Tree Service of Wayne
2. Red Oak Landscaping of Paramus

### **P.S. is sending letters**

J. Brainstorming re. priorities and activities for 2012. *Mention only:*

1. *9/11 Memorial – tree planting.* – **Apparently on hold for funding.**
2. *Hawthorne Day in the fall.* – **T.D. mentioned idea of planning a Hawthorne Tree on Hawthorne Day.**
3. *Develop and implement town-wide pruning plan. Waiting on Paul Cowie’s complete inventory.* – **Inventory is ready; we need to decide where to install it.**

### **3. Review of May 2012 Meeting notes.**

*D.S. Motion to approve May 2012 meeting notes, R.H. seconded, unanimous approval.*

### **4. Budget review.**

A. 2012 Budget discussion.

1. Spring planting – replacement oaks at High School from Tode’s draw-down account.
2. Clerical assistance. Eric Maurer requested and was given an updated list of duties and expected time needs for clerical assistant.
3. **19 Alexandria came out of our budget**

### **5. OLD ITEMS / Mention only:**

- A. Where does Paul Cowie stand with the CFMP? PS has to collect one piece of data from Eric Maurer and then we will be pretty much done with our part, except for final review by HSTC and then review by administration.
- B. Paul Cowie and street inventory. DS working with Paul.
- C. Review trees at 69 Dixie. Resident has been informed that sewer work should be done before Dixie is paved. PS put in a work order for Steve Schuckman to review trees for possible crown cleaning; two zelkovas are top heavy and were flattened out by the October snowstorm.
- D. DPW employee training with Steve Schuckman. Steve and DPW Director Joe Clementi to schedule training.

**J.C. Replied by email – afternoon of June 7<sup>th</sup>**

E. 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.

**Discussed second clean-up day with painting of platforms.**

*D.S. motion to close, R.H. seconded, unanimous approval to close meeting.*

TIME ENDED: 6:30PM