



## BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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### **May 1, 2012 Meeting Notes**

Start Time: 4:30PM

End Time: 6:45PM

#### Attendance:

Chairperson Pieter Slump (PS) – Yes

Vice-chairperson Dave Sailer (DS) - Yes

Commissioner Rick Hockenberry (RH) - Yes

Commissioner Tom Dwyer (TD) – no

Commissioner Paul Giardino (PG) – Yes

Alternate Jack Fannin (JF) – No

Alternate Declan Madden (DM) – No

Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW) – Yes

Contracted Borough Arborist Steve Schuckman – No

DPW Liaison Joe Clementi (JC) - Yes

PS Motion to open May 2012 HSTC meeting, RH seconded, approved unanimously.

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

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

Joyce Taylor, lives at 17 Tonia Terrace and owns 30 Forest Ave where she is having sewer problems due to roots in the pipes. Ms. Taylor is requesting tree removal (16" DBH Norway Maple). HSTC will look at the tree and get back to Ms. Taylor. Her phone # 973-495-0142.

Jeff Gardner asked if we had reviewed the stump of the tree in his backyard, but we did not do that since the tree was not a public tree.

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

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

A. Arbor Day and 8-acre Woods clean-up -- review. *Joe Clementi to take care of removing the cable buried in the eastern access road and the rusted tractor along the eastern access road towards the end of Llewellyn Ave.*

- B. Cel-earth-bration review. *DS did a great job with the tree/squirrel cut out that made our bean-bag toss such a hit with the kids. The tree walk did not do so well because of the kids going to the live animal shows. Ezra Blau of 9<sup>th</sup> Ave won the tree raffle of the Kwanzaan cherry donated by Rick Hockenberry.*
- C. Spring planting – replanting of dead trees from Scanlon from spring and fall 2010. We need to review the planting sites. Review.
- D. 2012 Road Program – short list given to Steve Schuckman for his review and determination. Longer list should be reviewed for infrastructure conflicts. Pre-con meeting a must.
- E. Parking at Franklin Field / San Guisepppe Way. Any update from council liaison or DPW?  
*JC updated: the plan is to use boulders from Wagaraw Road up to bend in road. They should be put in place by June 1.*
- F. DPW employee training with Steve Schuckman – pending discussion with DPW Director Joe Clementi. *PS to talk to Steve to work out a good date.*
- G. Review trees at 69 Dixie. Steve Schuckman thinks they should come down. Look at condition of sidewalk. *HSTC to review.*
- H. Channel 77 message. Update message. *PS to do.*
- I. Update HSTC contact list. *Postpone to June.*
- J. Letters to be written:
  - 1. Al Kassar Tree Service of Wayne
  - 2. Red Oak Landscaping of Paramus

*Mention only.*

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

- 1. 9/11 Memorial – tree planting.**
- 2. *Hawthorne Day in the fall.*
- 3. *Develop and implement town-wide pruning plan. Waiting on Paul Cowie’s complete inventory.*
- 4. *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 April 2012 Meeting notes.**

*PS Motion to approve April 2012 meeting notes, DS seconded, unanimous approval.*

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

A. 2012 Budget discussion. Budget has been finalized.

1. Spring planting – approximately 5 street trees to be planted with remainder of Tode's encumbered monies.
2. Clerical assistance, to be started after budget is finalized.

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

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

B. Paul Cowie and street inventory. *DS to reach out to Paul.*

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. 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, PG seconded, unanimous approval to close meeting.*

TIME ENDED: 6:45PM