



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Paul Giardino (PG) – Y
Commissioner Rick Hockenberry (RH) - Y
Commissioner David Sailer (DS) -N
Alternate Declan Madden (DM) – N
DPW Liaison Joe Clementi (JC) – Y
HSTC Secretary Gina Brown (GB) – Y

Vice Chairperson Tom Dwyer (TD) – Y
Commissioner Brian VanHook (BV) - N
Commissioner Dria Lobosco Stauss (DS) Y
Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW) – N
Boro Arborist Steve Schuckman (SS) N

Meeting began at 4:35 pm

1. Public Session:

None in attendance.

2. Approval of June Meeting Minutes.

Unanimously approved.

3. New Business:

A. A discussion on various items between the Commission and DPW Liason, Joe Clementi. He advised the commission on small and large tree prunings, as well as ideas for the new line-item in our budget of pro-active pruning and removals. We need to establish where they left off last year and what still needs to be done. Another idea is to possibly go ward by ward from year to year. Hazardous removals identified may be able to be included in DPW.

B. 911 Memorial Tree Planting. The borough has received the funds needed to move forward with the memorial site. The HSTC will now fulfill its promise to coordinate and fund the planting of 4 trees behind the memorial site. The commissioners agreed to fund this expense as promised. Gina will follow up with the planners as to what species of trees they are looking for and find a vendor for the planting.

C. The contract for our Arborist Steve Shuckman is up for renewal. Paul will work with Eric Mauer to take the necessary steps to find out what formal procedures need to take place in order to renew the contract.

D. Paul Giardino will be on vacation and will not be here to run the August meeting. Therefore our Vice Chairperson, Tom Dwyer will run the August meeting.

E. The replacement of the tree at the Wagaraw Ball field (Wag #4 field) will be included in our fall tree planting. Rick Hockenberry will take a ride down to the field to find the new planting spot and make a recommendation for the specific species.

F. The NJ Shade Tree Federation Training/Conference will be held in Cherry Hill, NJ this October and two of our Commissioners will need to attend the overnight event. Paul attended last year and said it was very informative. It was suggested that Dria and Brian possibly attend since they are new on the commission this year.

3. Old Business:

A. Hawthorne Day, October 5th. Dria will complete the vendor form and get it to Charlene to secure our tented space. We need to come up with some fun ideas for handouts and ideas to draw people to our space.

B. Paul Cowie "Tree-Files" will be paid this month since he did not make it in the cut-off for payment in the last council meeting.

C. Fall Planting. Rick turned in his recommendations for planting and now Gina will compile a list of the Commissions' recommendations, as well as, the calls from homeowners with requests. Tom Dwyer agreed to take that list and drive around to assess the specific locations for planning and determine if there are overhead wires that may interfere. Gina will provide Tom the list soon.

D. 2013 Road Improvement Program: Paul met with Boswell Engineering and the removals are now down from 14 projected to approximately 5.

E. 89 May Street Update: Ultimately the tree will most likely be removed as part of the 2013 Road Rebuilding Program as they will need to replace the curb to allow for the new road.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm