



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Paul Giardino – Y
Commissioner Rick Hockenberry - Y
Commissioner Dria Lobosco Y
Alternate #2 Phil Speulda - Y
DPW Liaison Bob Bartley N
Secretary Gina Brown– Y

Vice Chairperson Tom Dwyer– Y
Commissioner Brian VanHook - N
Alternate #1 Al Ianacone - N
Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki – N
Boro Arborist Steve Schuckman - N

Meeting began at 4: 35pm

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Schedule of regular meetings heretofore adopted and posted on the Public Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building, emailed to the Hawthorne Press, Herald News, Record, The Gazette and all persons who have requested the mailing of such schedule, and a copy of said schedule has remained on file in the office of the Borough Clerk from and since December 19, 2013.

1. Public Session:

None in attendance.

A motion was made by Rick Hockenberry to close the Public Session of this meeting, Dria Lobosco 2nd the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

2. Approval of March Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Rick Hockenberry to approve the March 2014 HSTC meeting minutes. Phil Speulda 2nd the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

3. New Business:

There was no DPW representative present to report this month.

Planting Issues and Pat Scanlan Landscaping

The fall tree planting, which was delayed until now, began last week and as a result the Borough is getting many calls from residents who are not happy with the planting. Rick Hockenberry has agreed to personally call the people who called in and are waiting for a representative from the Commission to return their call.

There were also some issues with Scanlan initially planting trees on top of sewer lines. Mark from Scanlan Landscaping confirmed that the error was a miscommunication of what the colored marks were for and he assumed that was the plant location markings. He has since moved those trees. They also accidentally planted a tree beyond the "Right of Way" on Sixth Avenue and that tree was relocated to the curb. A homeowner filed a Police Report for property damage to the grass located on Rea Avenue. When Gina spoke with Mark he explained that a tractor trailer forced their vehicle off the road and the driver needed to pull up on the curb/grass a bit to avoid accident. As a result some tire tracks were left behind and they have since repaired the grass and re-seeded. An underground sprinkler was also damaged and as per the Contract, the borough had to pay the cost of repair.

4. Old Business:

Arbor Day:

Plans are finalized for the Arbor Day event being held at Jefferson School on Friday, April 25th. Dria will be meeting with Mrs. Zagatta, Principal of Jefferson School and Rick Hockenberry at Jefferson school this Thursday to finalize planting locations and details for the tree planting.

Cel-Earth-Bration Day:

This event is being held at Lincoln Middle School on Saturday April 26th from 10:00-2:00. Paul and Gina will not be able to attend this event. Dria & Tom will cover the morning and Phil & Rick agreed to cover the afternoon. Commissioners should arrive at least 45 prior to the event to set-up.

Once again, the theme for this year's event is "A Greener Path to a Healthy You". Rick Hockenberry has generously offered to donate and plant the Dogwood Tree that we will be raffling off at this event.

Gina confirmed the information with Rayna regarding the ad, which will be placed in the Hawthorne Press in conjunction with the Environmental Committee announcing this event.

A motion was made by Paul Giardino to close the meeting, Rick Hockenberry 2nd the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 6th.