



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**February 6, 2014**

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

### **Meeting began at 4:37 pm**

*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 Dria Lobosco-Stauss to close the Public Session of this meeting, Rick Hockenberry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

### **2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes.**

A motion was made by Rick Hockenberry to approve the January 2014 HSTC meeting minutes. Dria Lobosco-Stauss 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

### **3. New Business:**

Bob Bartley reported that the DPW crew pruned 54 trees on Third, Florence and Genevieve Avenues. Mr. Bartley provided a listing of the addresses for the pruning. There is more work to do. Contact was made with Downes Tree Service for the larger trees and they quoted DPW a price of \$450/day if we provide a crew.

The homeowner of 185 Pasadena contacted the Borough with concerns about 3 large Sycamore Trees which belong to the borough. The homeowner reported that the sidewalks were replaced in 2012 due to the roots of the trees lifting the cement and now, a couple years later the roots are lifting the sidewalk once again. Paul reported that in the fall, there was a conversation with PSE&G regarding these same trees and the fact that some of the limbs may be touching the power lines and they may have wanted to remove the trees. It is unclear as to whether PSE&G will be taking action on these trees and Paul will follow up with PSE&G to get an update on the status. Borough records indicate that these trees have been inspected by our Borough Arborist and they are healthy trees.

### **Old Business:**

*Arbor Day:* Dria spoke again with the Principal of the Jefferson School, Mrs. Zagatta. She would like to request, if possible, a flowering tree be planted on the property near the area where a large Pine tree fell after the storm last year. She also mentioned that if possible, they would like two trees. Rick Hockenberry has generously offered to donate and plant the tree for Arbor Day and will work with Dria and Mrs. Zagatta with regards to the species and exact planting location. This event is scheduled for Friday April 25, 2014 at 2pm. The Jefferson School will be planning a weeklong celebration for Arbor Day and the children will assist with the planting on that day. The commission will once again request that a State Arborist attend the planting. Gina will follow up with Dria on the specifics.

*Cel-Earth-Bration Day:* The theme for this year's event is "Greener Path to a Healthier You". Rick Hockenberry has generously offered to donate and plant the Dogwood Tree that we will be raffling off at this event. Paul will contact Dave Sailor to see about the bean-bag toss game. Gina will inquire about the purchase of "saplings" to hand-out. The date for this event is Saturday, April 26, 2014.

*Construction/Development Projects:* Paul reported that there are some concerns/questions regarding trees with the B3 and B3A rezoning project. Nothing critical, there are some inconsistencies with "plantable areas". He has provided a letter to the planners for their upcoming hearing. The Brean Ave Development Project also required some HSTC input. Paul worked with Frank Matthews on this. A tree survey request was made and Paul responded with his recommendations and preservation of the existing trees in that area.

A motion was made by Tom Dwyer to close the meeting, Rick Hockenberry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.