



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2014

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Meeting began at 4:40pm

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 Paul Giardino to close the Public Session of this meeting, Brian VanHook 2nd the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

2. Approval of April Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Brian VanHook to approve the April 2014 HSTC meeting minutes. Rick Hockenberry 2nd the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

3. New Business:

Bob Scully attended the meeting as the new DPW representative. He introduced himself in his new role and offered the HSTC any assistance we may need in the future.

2014 Fall Tree Planting: We currently have 23 residents who have requested trees. Paul asked the commissioners to begin to gather planting recommendations. We need approximately 50 more locations throughout the borough.

A discussion took place with regards to whether or not residents needed to be notified before the plantings occur. Pros and cons were discussed and the commissioners voted against the letter of notification. A motion was made by Rick Hockenberry to NOT notify residents prior to planting, Dria Lobosco 2nd the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

Prior to the planting the Contract for the Landscaper who wins the bid for planting needs to be revised. The current contract states that the Borough is responsible for any damage caused by the landscaper and this should be removed and the Landscaper should be responsible. Paul will follow up on this.

The Borough Arborist will make recommendation to the HSTC as to what species is best for the planting locations. The HSTC will approve this recommendation prior to ordering the trees.

2014 Road Improvement Program: Paul received an email for approval to remove 11 trees throughout the Borough for the 2014 Road Improvement Program. The following list confirms his assessment: OK to Remove: 21 May, 161 Wagaraw, 118 Maitland, 96 May, 43 Maitland, 75 Maitland, 95 Maitland d NOT ok to Remove: 12 Peach Tree, 42 Peach Tree , 173 Mountain and 21 Old Orchard

4. Old Business:

Fall Tree Planting: Mayor Richard Goldberg attended the meeting so that the HSTC can clarify the Right-of-Way planting and the Borough Ordinance. A few of the homeowners from the recent planting have insisted that we remove the trees. The Mayor confirmed that the planting decision of the HSTC is “absolute” and the commission has the right to plant. Any action taken by a homeowner without consent of the commission is subject to the fine outlined in the Ordinance.

Arbor Day:

Paul thanked Dria Lobosco for heading this event and doing such a wonderful job. He also thanked Rick Hockenberry for his generous donation and planting of the tree. As well as those members that were able to attend, Al Ianacone and Gina Brown.

Cel-Earth-Bratton Day:

Again, Paul thanked Dria Lobosco for heading this event. The day went very smoothly with no issues to report. Special thanks to Rick Hockenberry for once again donating the tree. Next year we would like to have a professional sign made that we can use year to year advertising the free raffle for the tree. We hope that maybe we can move our table indoors so that we can have better exposure. Dria suggested that we ask the nursery to label the saplings with the species next year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 3rd.