



HAWTHORNE

Shade Tree Commission

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August 5, 2008 Meeting Notes

Note: Planning Board meeting this evening with 54 Westervelt Ave. project before Board and with public comment period. Commissioners and Arborist reviewed current plan and waited for testimony 07:30PM-08:45PM. Shade Tree Commission testimony provided regarding site species selection and ordinance issues. Regular Shade Tree Commission meeting began late.

Attendance: Philip Savoie (PS), Rick Hockenberry (RH), Declan Madden (DM), Patrick Allen (PA)-Borough Arborist 07:30PM-10:30PM
Absent: Pieter Slump (PSS), , John Terry (JT) & Joe Wojtecki (JW)-Council Liaison (arrived 09:30 briefly to attend meeting for short period of time).

8:45 pm – Open meeting.

Motion to open public portion of meeting. 1st PS, 2nd RH, unanimous vote to approve opening of public portion of meeting.

1. Public session (if needed). *Not needed.*
2. Review & approve June 2008 meeting notes.

June 2008, July 2008 & August 2008 meeting notes to be reviewed at the September 2008 meeting.

3. Budget review.

A. 8/4/08 history.

1. Several purchase orders issued:
 - A. Northeastern for hardware & equipment.
 - B. Waldwick Printing for door hangers for inspection or service notifications.

Mention only.

2. 53 Rea Ave. Ext. Currently in contact with insurance company. Providing documents for claim.

PA requested memo be sent to J.Scarmazzo for time to find digital pictures for case.

3. Additional money received into account for JIF reimbursement for the arborist's absence. July 2008 meeting suggestions still being evaluated.

No update from Borough Administrator on this issue. Phil to talk to MJ Hewitt about Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) money and about resistograph cost; budget or capital expenditure?

3. **Old Business items.**

A. Letters still to be written to residents, property owners, etc.

1. 4 Washington Ave. Property owner.
2. 84 Buena Vista Ave., Resident & Contractor.
3. 151 First Ave. Resident. Additional question: Based upon PA's two inspections of this tree, should the previous response proposal be reconsidered?

Bucket inspection of this tree performed by Arborist. The inspection did not reveal any issues other than the perception by the requestor of the aesthetic appeal of the foam and sidewalk. Based upon the inspection results, motion made to deny the removal request at this time: 1st DM, 2nd RAH, unanimous vote to deny removal of this tree at this location at this time.

4. Mill Loft project guidance. Property owner & Mayor/Council. Note: received new plans from developer & Building Dept. for evaluation. Developer appears to have changed landscape plan. Comment? Planning/Zoning meeting on 8/5/08.
5. 187/183 Third Ave. removal/pruning request.
6. 218 Westerville Ave. regarding removal request to Borough Hall.

All above mention only except item #3. Still to be written.

B. Brook side Place replanting. Set for Spring'09?

Recommendation for Fall 2008 planting if possible. Comments about large tree stock availability. To be determined with planting decision at next meeting.

C. Follow up with Administration about replacement plantings at pool. How long can Administration honor replanting commitment? Set for part of Fall'08 planting or Spring'09 planting?

Still to be followed up, decision of species of 1. Quercus bicolor & 2. Nyssa sylvatica for species choices if available. Try to plant in Fall 2008 with planting contract?

D. Ordinance Committee. Ordinance requests to be forwarded to Borough Attorney this month or by September 2008. Shade tree ordinance getting close to being in line for review.

Not discussed this meeting.

E. Planting plans for Fall '08. Planting location list being updated from Spring'08 planting. Projected planting date October 2008. New planting list being updated. May need field assessments, volunteers? Species recommendations after field review.

No discussion due to shortened meeting.

F. Enforcement follow up activities:

1. PSE&G Wagaraw Rd. update.

PA received call from B.Hagglund(PSEG) for corrective pruning at Wagaraw Rd. Should be done August 14 &15, 2008. Replanting still to be addressed.

2. Roughgarden replanting issue.

PA still to remove tree at Maitland Ave. address and Mr. Roughgarden to purchase replacement tree for planting at this location.

4. New items

A. Enforcement cases ongoing: None at this time. Any new cases?

Possible 179 4th Ave? Follow up with PA.

B. Letters/request for removal/other, discussion & action:

1. 7/25/08 letter for 83 Warren Ave. Confirmation letter for pruning?
Recommendations for response?

Trees being removed at this location. No response required.

C. PSE&G project at the Ninth Ave. Substation. Discussion.

Meeting with Mr. Bill Herriott(PSEG) on 8/1/08 with PS & PA to discuss expansion project and possible replanting around the station. Residents adjacent to station requesting additional planting for privacy purposes and will require removal of existing trees on Borough property. Request for written proposal and survey from PSEG for September 2008 meeting for review and evaluation of project. PSEG asking for Commission approval of arboriculture section of project. Pruning and removals would be overseen by PA.

D. E-mail from Hawthorne School system for tree education program in Fall'08. Discussion.

Mention only, Pieter interested?

E. Hawthorne road repaving project for 2008. Call from Boswell Engineering.

Field review performed by PS and information provided to Boswell regarding repaving project on 11th Ave. and Tuxedo Ave. In general, no removals, use roundouts for sidewalk replacements.

E. Anything else?

- 1. PA still has no e-mail work address. Requesting own login for work order system.*
- 2. Safety gear provided to all Borough employees at the beginning of the year as requested by the DPW Safety Committee was never given to PA. Follow up required.*
- 3. 56 Ruth still needs evaluation for removal decision. Oak tree on property.*
- 4. Front of Borough Hall. Borough has two cell providers that may want to co-locate on monopole at the Borough Hall. Would involve obtaining ground space for equipment. Question from Administration regarding potential removal of large evergreen tree in the front of Borough Hall and the Commission's position. Additional request for PA (borough Arborist) to provide a valuation of this tree for Administration's information. May also be alternatives to the placement of the ground equipment.*

The Commissioners were interested in the alternatives. In general, concern was expressed about the removal of this tree. The Commission would like more information on the alternatives available before making a decision.