

Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission

October 2, 2007 Meeting Notes

Attendance: Rick Hockenberry (RH), Shirley Shortway-English (SSE)-council Liason, John Terry (JT), Declan Madden (DM), Patrick Allen (PA) – Boro Arborist
Absent: Pieter Slump (PSL), Philip Savoie (PS)

Motion to open meeting: JT 1st, RH 2nd, unanimous vote to approve.

1. Review and approve September 2007 meeting notes.

Motion to approve September 2007 meeting notes: JT 1st, RH 2nd, unanimous vote to approve.

2. Budget review.

- A. Question on clothing allowance. \$300 extra was spent on Montayne Nelson and Morgan.
- B. Question still on \$1,000 spent on chipper tires.

Motion to approve the budget report: DM 1st, RH 2nd, unanimous vote to approve.

3. Old Business:

- A. Question why the tree on Short Street wasn't taken down when the HSTC had approved the funds.
- B. Question why the air spade wasn't purchased when the HSTC had approved the purchase.
- C. PA is to talk to Rich Wolowicz of PSE&G to find out why the trees on Wagraw Road were trimmed again.
- D. The phone hotline issue was taken care of and Joe Scarmazzo is to check the hotline first thing in the morning every day.
- E. The Kenwood Ave tree enforcement will be a summons issued by PA because he had talked to the resident to make restitution and the resident was to come to this meeting and failed to do so.
- F. The Genevieve Ave tree enforcement: PS was to meet with mason on Oct. 3, 2007 A.M. to try and resolve issue.
- G. The DPW is to cease borrowing HSTC tools and lock was to be changed but wasn't as of this date.
- H. The 89 8th Avenue property was looked at by PA and it was determined that the tree will be trimmed and further inspection will be made by PA as he trims it.

Motion to approve Old Business: JT 1st, RH 2nd, unanimous vote to approve.

4. New Items:

- A. It was brought to our attention that Brian Bertollo broke into PA's desk and a police report was taken by the Hawthorne Police Dept. PA is to follow up and advise HSTC on the outcome.
- B. HSTC voted to get an internal audit to find out why spending of HSTC money by DPW for such items as chipper tires and clothing.
- C. HSTC is to have planting request list completed by Friday, Oct. 5th.
- D. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting with the administration on Oct. 5th can do so at 9:30 am. HSTC feels this is a bad time because no one can attend.
- E. A motion to get a grant for a new chipper: RH 1st, DM 2nd, unanimous vote to approve. PS is working on getting the grant.
- F. PS made all arrangements for HSTC personnel to attend the Shade Tree Federation convention.