



HAWTHORNE

Shade Tree Commission

BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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April 6, 2010 Meeting Notes

Attendance: Philip Savoie (PS), Pieter Slump (PSL), Rick Hockenberry (RH), John Terry (JT), Declan Madden (DM), Alternates Jack Fannin (JF), David Sailer (DS) and Council President John Bertollo (JB) as an alternate for Councilman Joe Wojtecki.

Meeting 07:30PM-10:30PM

Note: As of this month, the Borough made a decision to layoff the Borough Arborist due to financial distress and budgetary reasons. The Commission was disappointed by this decision and wishes Mr. Patrick Allen well in his future endeavors. The Commission thanks Mr. Allen for his service and the professional knowledge he brought to Hawthorne's tree program during the five years he served Hawthorne. He will be missed.

1. Public session (if needed).

Motion to open public portion of the meeting PS, seconded JF, unanimous approval to open public portion of meeting.

Judy Spreen, 64 Warburton Ave, resident for 43 years. A tree was planted in front of her house as part of state planting in the fall of 2009. She is not happy that the tree was planted in front of her house on top of her sprinkler system, and thinks that the tree should not have been planted because six other trees have been planted there and died. Mrs. Spreen's biggest concern is for her sprinkler system. PS assured her that if the sprinkler system does not work, the HSTC will make sure that it gets fixed. PS also noted that a tree had been originally planted at this location during the Spring 2009 planting but had been moved to an area outside of the Borough's authority by the state planting supervisor, with the resident's request, without the State Forester's or Borough's permission. This tree is essentially a gift to the resident. The newly replanted tree was put in the original location as

planned by the State for the purpose of street cooling as well as aesthetic purposes. The Commission will review this planting and let the resident know of their decision to remove or keep this tree by the next meeting.

Motion to close public portion of meeting- PS, seconded JF, unanimous approval to close public portion of meeting.

2. Review of March 2010 Meeting notes.

Motion to approve March 2010 meeting notes- PS, seconded JF, unanimous approval to accept the March 2010 meeting notes.

3. Budget review.

Question on invoice, JF assigned to follow up. A request to investigate the cost of mulch volcano brochures was made, to use these brochures to educate the public regarding proper mulching techniques.

4. Old Business items.

A. Letters to be written to residents, property owners, etc.
None at this time. NA.

B. General Borough planting for Spring 2010. Pre-planting final activities, discussion.

We will have the planting letter by next week, along with the final planting list for the planting contractor. For possible additional planting sites, RH will look at Missonellie Ct, PS will look at Rea Ave, PSL will look at Parker Ave. Plan for 135 total locations.

DPW will be asked for help to remove tree stumps along Lafayette Ave. to prepare tree wells for planting.

April 23, 2010 deadline for any and all responses.

C. Enforcement follow up activities:

1. 45 Summit Ave. Discussion.

JT and DM will go on Thursday April 8 to speak with the residents about removing the mulch and stonework around the tree to resolve this ongoing problem.

2. McFarlan Ave. Generation X Towing company hit three trees that had to be removed on an emergency basis. Replacement cost assessment to be paid over the next one to two months as per Don Turner. One payment still pending, should be received this month.

Mention only.

D. Patriot Development project, Goffle Rd. Tree plan submitted by property owner, testimony not yet complete. Applicant willing to change tree species in landscape plan, would like recommendations from Commission. Issue of buffers and tree protection plan not resolved. Jackson Twsp. Legal decision for tree removal ordinance. Next meeting date at the Zoning Board of Adjustment scheduled for Monday April 19, 2010.

PS to attend, JB to follow up on council's behalf.

E. Public bid Borough tree work. Bids received and opened. Three bids received, winner was Downes Tree Service.

F. Tree City USA & Growth Award for 2009. Letter from State of NJ indicating Borough's application accepted, 20th year award received.

Items E. & F., mention only.

G. Forestry grant for tree inventory update. Discussion.

PSL will follow up again with Paul Cowie regarding timeline and work to be done. Paperwork required by State for this work up to date as far as can be determined.

H. Cel-Earth-Bratton Saturday April 17, 2010.

Commissioners asked to attend as able. RH to provide raffle tree. Tree tublings arriving from State Forestry Service shortly. Appear to be ready for event.

I. Arbor Day 2010 plans.

Event is on Friday April 30, 2010 @ the High School. Planting plans being finalized, PSL is working on this with Kevin Duffy (Bd. Of Education) and the contractor. Students to help with planting of trees as part of ceremony and activities.

J. Memorial Day Parade participation?

PS and DS are looking at the options.

K. Magnatrol Valve, Horton Ave. & 6th Ave. Waiting for PSE&G proposal.

Discussed with Councilman Bertollo. Follow up required, power poles noted to have been installed. JB will look to speak with PSEG and Eric Maurer, Borough Administrator.

5. New items

A. Enforcement cases. None at this time. NA.

B. Letters from residents.

1. 64 Warburton. Planting transplant request.

Discussed at public portion of meeting. Commissioners to review circumstances and make decision at the next meeting regarding request.

2. 890 Lafayette Ave. Removal request.

Letter reviewed, to be decided upon at the next meeting.

C. Anything else?

Resistograph training follow up?

Motion to close meeting PS, seconded JT, unanimous approval to close the meeting.