



HAWTHORNE

Shade Tree Commission

BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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May 11, 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).

Absent: Councilman Joe Wojtecki.

Meeting 07:30PM-10:00PM

Motion to open meeting PS, seconded RH, unanimous approval to open meeting.

1. Public session (if needed). *No session needed.*

2. Review of April 2010 Meeting notes. *Motion to approve April 2010 meeting notes PS, seconded JT, unanimous approval to accept meeting notes.*

3. Budget review.

JF to follow up with Shade Tree Federation for mulch volcano brochures.

4. Old Business items.

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

1. 64 Warburton. Planting transplant request, discussion at last meeting.

PS motion to deny the resident's request to transplant tree in front of resident's house. Seconded DM, unanimous approval to deny transplant request. PS to follow up with letter.

2. 890 Lafayette Ave. Removal request.

Resident has gotten approval from surrounding neighbors to ask HSTC for permission to remove the trees. PSL motion to deny resident's request to remove 2 of the three borough Norway maples along Laurel Ave. Seconded RH, vote in favor of motion: PS, PSL, RH, JT. Abstain: DM. PS to write follow up letter.

B. General Borough planting for Spring 2010. Planting activities, discussion.

Planting scheduled to start tomorrow Wednesday May 12. DM and PSL to meet contractor in the morning to give him water bags and to inspect the trees. Mention of idea to have other contractor remove last year's stakes and to keep stakes as an exchange for removing the stakes suggested. To be followed up with contractor.

C. Enforcement follow up activities:

1. 45 Summit Ave. Completed, wall removed, property in compliance with HSTC requirements. No further action?
Mention only. PS and DM plan on air-spading around the trees since the dirt was compacted by resident's actions.

2. McFarlan Ave. Generation X Towing company hit three trees that had to be removed on an emergency basis. 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. Still need recommendations on species. Next meeting May 17, 2010. PS and DM will work on the tree species. PS plans on attending the meeting on the 17th.

E. Public bid Borough tree work. Quality control and work flow issues.
HSTC will meet on Thursday June 3 to discuss the plan. The priority is to get correct information as to what the DPW and the contractor/ bid winner are doing, in order for HSTC to accurately complete NJ state annual report and Tree City USA and Growth Award annual submittals.

F. Sidewalk policy discussion.
PS has been in discussion with DPW head Joe Clementi re. finalizing guidelines for sidewalk – tree and tree root conflicts. DS will help to put together some pictures to help contractors understand what to do.

G. Forestry grant for tree inventory update. Meeting with contractor?
PSL to meet with Paul Cowie in the next 2 weeks.

H. Magnatrol Valve, Horton Ave. & 6th Ave. Final action and activities. discussion.
Five trees had to be removed to make way for better electric service for Magnatrol. PSEG will remove the stumps. PS discussed with Magnatrol that 3 to 5 underwire trees would be planted to make up for the loss, depending on spacing of species to be planted. Several neighbors spoke to the HSTC about their disappointment with the loss of the trees.

5. New items

A. Enforcement cases. None at this time.
Mention only.

B. Professional services discussion.
Potential candidates to be considered for the paid consultant position.
Paul Cowie
Steve Shuckman
John Linson
Kevin Tode
Declan Madden

PSL to send out email to start discussion of what services we expect to need from this person.

C. Fall 2010 planting discussion.

Scanlon will plant at least 20 trees in the fall, to complete the 120 trees for this year from his bid award.

D. Letters from residents. Thank you letter from Bamford Ave.

E. Anything else?

PSL motion to close, seconded DM, unanimous approval to close the meeting.