



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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June 8, 2010 Meeting Notes

Attendance: Philip Savoie (PS), Pieter Slump (PSL), John Terry (JT), Declan Madden (DM), Alternates Jack Fannin (JF), David Sailer (DS).
Absent: Rick Hockenberry (RH), Councilman Joe Wojtecki.
Meeting 07:30PM-10:30PM

Motion to open June meeting PS, seconded JF, unanimous approval to open meeting.

1. Public session (if needed). *No public in attendance, no public session held.*

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

3. Budget review. Budget appears to be almost approved. *Budget approved as of this time. Budget matters were briefly discussed for the following topic areas: Fall 2010 planting, other contracted services, professional services, the tree inventory update, Hawthorne Day and the annual Shade Tree Federation meeting.*

4. Old Business items.

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

1. 64 Warburton. *Mention only.*
2. 890 Lafayette Ave. *Mention only.*

Letters to be written with final decisions.

B. General Borough planting for Spring 2010. Follow up activities discussion. Post planting letters, quality of plantings, etc. Fall 2010 planting discussion.

Discussion regarding remaining trees to be planted by Scanlon this fall. We anticipate getting a total of 120 trees planted under this bid agreement, plus replacement of the 10 burned trees from the Spring 2010 planting.. The Commission anticipates planting around 40 trees this fall to complete the Scanlon contract.

Motion to appropriate \$17,000 from this year's tree budget for the fall planting PS, seconded DM, unanimous approval to expend above monies for tree planting in Fall 2010.

C. Enforcement & follow up activities:

1. 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.*
2. Magnatrol Valve, Horton Ave. & 6th Ave. Facility to be contacted regarding follow up planting. *PS and PSL to work on this.*

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 June 21, 2010. *PSL and DM to work on suggested species list. Questions as to where the utility lines will be located are of interest to the Commission to determine species location and size. Additionally, the issue of the "natural buffer" vs. a planted buffer, as well as the issue of the newer zoning ordinance requirements buffer depth, has not been worked out or made clear between the developer and the Borough.*

E. Public bid Borough tree work. Quality control and work flow issues. *Tom Youmans from Downes Tree Service would like to meet with HSTC representatives in order to improve work coordination. HSTC has not received updated work reports from DPW lately.*

F. Professional services discussion. Standards, requirements, interviews, etc.

Work still to be done on list of expected duties.

G. Forestry grant for tree inventory update. Update.

HSTC received documents from the state that need to be signed by HSTC and administration.

Motion to appropriate \$7000 for tree inventory to be done by Paul Cowie & Associates by PS, seconded PSL, unanimous approval to appropriate money to start inventory project.

H. Sidewalk policy discussion. Still to be pursued.

Mention only, to be pursued by PS and DM.

5. New items

A. Enforcement cases.

1. 48 Lee Ave. Illegal tree removal, state planting. Discussion.

Illegal tree removal by resident. PS and PSL are working on this case.

B. Letters from residents. *None at this time.*

C. NJ Shade Tree Federation Meeting, Oct. 22-24, 2010.

No agenda yet. Attendees? Hazard Tree evaluation, December 2010.

Mention only.

D. Hawthorne Day, October 2, 2010. Save the date, ideas for day?

Mention only.

E. Anything else?

78 Warren – do a resistograph test to see if there is anything wrong with the tree.

31 Missonellie – removal according to DM.

67 Van Winkle – do a good pruning, especially the branch above the street.

Motion to close meeting JT, seconded DM, unanimous approval to close meeting.