



# HAWTHORNE

## Shade Tree Commission

**BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE**  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
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### July 13, 2010 Meeting Notes

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

*Motion to open public meeting by PS, seconded DM, unanimous approval to open meeting.*

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

**2. Review of June 2010 Meeting notes.**

*Motion to approve June 2010 notes PS, seconded DS, unanimous approval to accept meeting notes.*

**3. Budget review. New grant application mail.**

*New grant application received from Community Forestry for updating CFMP. Current CFMP(2<sup>nd</sup> edition) expires December 2011. Grant application due December 3, 2010, if pursued.*

*PS motion to appropriate approximately \$1500 for the purchase of 100 Gator Bags from Aquarius Water Supply, seconded JT, unanimous approval to purchase bags.*

*PS motion to appropriate approximately \$10,000 for professional arboricultural consulting services, seconded PSL, unanimous approval of maximum amount of money for services (DM abstained, JF voted in favor as first alternate).*

*Also discussed was pump for watering tank through Grainger (PS), additional RAM upgrade for laptop computer (DS) and professional services contract/inventory (PSL).*

#### **4. Old Business items.**

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

1. 64 Warburton Ave.
2. 890 Lafayette Ave.

Letters to be written with final decisions.

*Mention only.*

**B. General Borough planting for Spring 2010. Final follow up activities discussion. Post planting letters sent out. Post planting watering/heat/drought issues. Additional water gator bag purchase? Vote to purchase additional bags under finance discussion above. Continue with current watering regimen.**

Fall 2010 planting discussion continued.

*We need to work on the varieties and check out the planting size per requested location. Continue to finish planting with Scanlon contract using same species. Set up additional contract for Fall planting.*

**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 half payment still pending, should be received this month.  
*Mention only.*
2. Magnatrol Valve, Horton Ave. & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Facility to be contacted regarding follow up planting.  
*Mention only, PSL to work on this with PS.*
3. 48 Lee Ave. Illegal tree removal, state planting. Action still to be taken. Discussion of remedy.  
*PS and PSL to work on this with Don Turner.*
4. PSE&G 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Substation inspection. 2 year agreement almost completed. Final inspection needed.  
*JT and DM will review the trees to see if they are still alive, since the 2-year guarantee runs out next month.*

**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 July 19, 2010.**  
*PS will be in touch with Patriot's attorney.*

**E.** Public Borough tree work. Current status.  
*Mention only. Not addressed.*

**F.** Professional services discussion. Standards, requirements, interviews, etc.  
*PSL to work on this and distribute to commission.*

**G.** Forestry grant for tree inventory update. Update, discussion.  
*Commission decided to go forward with the tree inventory, to be done by PCA.*

**H.** Sidewalk policy discussion. Still to be pursued.  
*Mention only.*

**5. New items**

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

**B.** Letters from residents.

1. 113 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.-Letter dated June 30, 2010. Tree removal request received via DPW. Review & discussion.

*DM recommends performing a resistograph test of the tree. All Commissioners that looked at this tree agreed that removal might not be needed but recommend a good pruning. Resistograph test to be performed. Letter to be written to owner.*

**C.** Storage of HSTC materials: records and supplies, tools.  
*Mention only. Discussed briefly, no resolution.*

**D.** Hawthorne Day, October 2, 2010. Save the date, ideas for day?  
NJ Shade Tree Federation Meeting, Oct. 22-24, 2010.  
Hazard Tree evaluation, December 2010.  
*Mention only.*

**E.** Anything else?

*PS motion to close, seconded RH, unanimous approval to close  
monthly meeting.*