



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Paul Giardino – Y
Commissioner Rick Hockenberry - Y
Commissioner Dria Lobosco Stauss Y
Alternate #2 Phil Speulda - Y
DPW Liaison Bob Bartley Y
Secretary Gina Brown– Y

Vice Chairperson Tom Dwyer– N
Commissioner Brian VanHook - Y
Alternate #1 Al Ianacone - Y
Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki – N
Boro Arborist Steve Schuckman - N

Meeting began at 4:40 pm

1. Public Session:

None in attendance.

A motion was made by Rick Hockenberry to close the Public Session of this meeting, Dria Lobosco-Stauss 2nd the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Rick Hockenberry to approve the December 2013 HSTC meeting minutes. Dria Lobosco-Stauss 2nd the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The commission welcomed Phil Speulda as our new Alternate Commissioner (#2).
2. Bob Bartley will temporarily be replacing Joe Clementi as the Borough's Acting Director of DPW. Mr. Bartley introduced himself to the commission and gave us a little of his background on his experience which includes a Shade Tree knowledge. This will be very helpful to the HSTC as well as the DPW and we look forward to working with him until a permanent replacement for Mr. Clementi is hired. A lengthy discussion on the HSTC's direct relationship with DPW was had in an effort to educate Bob Bartley.

3. Election of 2014 HSTC Members:

A motion was made by Brian VanHook to approve the reappointment of **Paul Giardino** as the HSTC **Chairperson**. Dria Lobosco-Stauss 2nd the motion and the commission unanimously approved. A motion was made by Paul Giardino to approve the reappointment of **Tom Dwyer Giardino** as the HSTC **Vice Chairperson**. Hockenberry 2nd the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

4. Phil Speulda expressed his concern about a Borough Tree located at 301 Diamond Bridge Avenue (between Hawthorne & Washington Avenues). He states that there is a tree in need of pruning as is blocking the speed limit sign when in bloom. In addition, he also noted that there are rose bushes near the corner of Diamond Bridge Ave & Lincoln Ave. (at the Brawer Building) that are also in need of pruning. He suggested that our Code Officers inspect. Gina will follow up with DPW on his behalf.

5. There is an on-going need for pruning of the low branches that hinder many sidewalks throughout the Borough. The recent pruning list that Downes has been working on does not include these trees and unless residents call they are not generally not being tended to.

Old Business:

Arbor Day: Dria Lobosco Stauss has confirmed with the Principal of the Jefferson School that this years' tree planting will take place on the school grounds. Location and species to be determined, as we get closer to that event.

Fall Planting: Due to the snow and frozen temperatures, Scanlan Landscaping will not be able to plant the trees until the Spring. Steve Schuckman has requested that we get something in writing from Scanlan with regards to this arrangement. Gina Brown will facilitate.

A motion was made by Brian VanHook to close the meeting of this meeting, Rick Hockenberry 2nd the motion and the commission unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm

****HAPPY NEW YEAR****