



**BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE**  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
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**February 2, 2010 Meeting Notes**

Attendance: Philip Savoie (PS), Declan Madden (DM), John Terry (JT), Pieter Slump (PSL), Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW), and Arborist Patrick Allen (PA)

Absent: Rick Hockenberry (RH)

Meeting 07:30PM-10:00PM

**1. Public session (if needed).**

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

*Guests: Jack Fannin & David Sailer.*

*No comments or questions at this time.*

*Motion to close public session PS, seconded JT, unanimous approval to open public portion of meeting.*

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

*JW noted that he was not absent from the meeting; he was not yet assigned to our committee as liaison.*

*Motion to approve February 2010 meeting notes by PS, seconded PSL, unanimous approval to accept meeting notes.*

**3. Budget review. Temporary 2010 budget established.**

*JW said that the budget should be completed by May or early June.*

*2010 ACRT training listed in budget for PA and Borough employee Bill Marra. A concern was raised that this money should not be spent if the Borough will not complete all required portions of the training for official certification. This includes First Aid & CPR training. In 2009 this additional training was not wholly completed and as a result certification was not obtained. The Commission stated to Administration in a budget meeting in November 2009 that the training should not be pursued and paid for if employees are not being given the full training and certification obtained.*

*PS mentioned a plant valuation course at Rutgers.*

*DM – March 27 is ISA day at Rutgers.*

*PA mentioned that IML has not yet received payment for the resistograph.*

*Follow up to check payment and training for tool.*

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

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

1. 183 Third Ave. Follow up on sidewalk issue. *Letter still to be written.*

**B.** General Borough planting for Spring 2010. Update.

*DM and JT met with Scanlon's representative last Thursday and they reviewed the details of the spring planting. DM needs the updated planting list. PS will send this out this weekend. Scanlon needs the space behind the Ambulance Corps building to store the trees. DM will talk to Joe Clementi about the proper storage space.*

**C.** Enforcement follow up activities: Review list.

1. 45 Summit Ave. As weather permits. *Mention only.*

2. McFarlan Ave. Generation X Towing company hit three trees that had to be removed on an emergency basis. Replacement cost assessment to be provided to D.Turner for follow up. *Mention only.*

**D.** Cool Cities Planting Spring 2010 activity. Update, planting suspended due to funding issues. *Mention only.*

**E.** Public bid Borough tree work. Recent activities. Discussion. Follow up needed.

*Downes' trimming seems to be done not in accordance with ANSI standards (lion's tails, drag cuts, etc). Concern to Commission for future work.*

**F.** Patriot Development project, Goffle Rd. No change as of this time. No tree plan submitted by property owner, testimony not yet complete.

Next meeting date at the Zoning Board of Adjustment scheduled for Monday February 22, 2010. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.  
*Mention only.*

**G.** PSE&G Substation update. Follow up required to track activities at this site.

*Follow up later on. No recent communication. In the spring we can see how the plants made it through the winter and follow up with the utility.*

**H.** Sidewalk specification standard. PS met with J.Clementi to discuss issue. Discussion.

*Mention only. We need to discuss this with the Mayor and Council to focus on issue.*

**I.** Forestry grant application submitted to State on November 30, 2009, for tree inventory update. Grant approved, approval letter dated Jan. 15, 2010.

*PS and PSL are taking care of the paperwork. Follow up required.*

**J.** Cel-Earth-Bratton Saturday April 17, 2010. Contact with Environmental Commission to coordinate activities. Memorial Day parade participation? Arbor Day 2010 plans?

*Arbor Day plans are focused on the High School along Warburton Ave. DM and PS will measure out the distance along Warburton and determine what species should be planted there.*

## **5. New items**

**A.** Enforcement cases.

1. Car /tree accident-44 MacFarlan Ave. D.Turner pursuing case. Replacement cost assessment to be provided to him for follow up.

2. Car /tree accident-213 Lafayette Ave. D.Turner pursuing case. Replacement cost assessment to be provided to him for follow up.

*Mention only. Replacement cost assessments for the above cases and Generation X provided to Don Turner.*

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

**C.** Tree City USA & Growth Award submitted Jan. 25, 2010.  
Community Forestry State report due February 15, 2010 for 2009.  
*Mention only.*

**D.** Inventory update project.  
*More work needs to be pursued to continue this project. Must be performed in coordination with the BSF grant.*

**E.** Tree Foundation free tree offer. Discussion. Eight Acre woods or Goffle Brook Park?  
*Discussion led to conclusion that enough work currently exists for the Commission and that these trees (1' to 2' high whips) would be too vulnerable to animal browsing or vandalism. The Commission decided not to pursue these trees or program at this time.*

**F.** Anything else?

*Lafayette Ave extension tree removal – not clear if this tree was on a tree removal list. Question of who and how the decision to remove this tree was a concern of the Commission.*

*Motion to close meeting PS, seconded PSL, unanimous approval to close the meeting.*