



HAWTHORNE

Shade Tree Commission

BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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November 9, 2010 Meeting Notes

Attendance: Philip Savoie (PS), John Terry (JT), Pieter Slump (PSL), Declan Madden (DM), Rick Hockenberry (RH), Alternate Jack Fannin (JF), Alternate David Sailer (DS), Council liaison: Councilman Joe Wojtecki.

Meeting 07:30PM-10:00PM

Motion to open November 2010 meeting JF, seconded PS, unanimous approval to open public meeting. JF voted affirmative to open meeting as alternate commissioner.

Introduction of Borough arboricultural consultant Steve Schuckman (SS). Discussion of Borough's tree program, obtaining of Borough ID for Borough business and comparison of tree policies in the Borough to other municipalities Mr. Schuckman works in. Additional discussion of tree planting specifications in regard to the current contract.

1. Public session (if needed).

No public in attendance.

2. Review of October 2010 Meeting notes.

Motion to approve and accept October 2010 meeting notes PSL, seconded PS, unanimous approval to accept meeting notes.

3. Budget review.

A. 2011 Budget. Hearing scheduled for Tuesday November 30, 2010 @ 3:30 PM @ Borough Hall. PS & PSL to attend.

B. Final 2010 expenditures. Spring 2011 planting discussed and publication of 2011 meeting dates in Hawthorne Press.

4. Old Business items.

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

1. 64 Warburton Ave.
2. 890 Lafayette Ave.
3. 113 9th Ave.
4. PSE&G 6th Ave. & 9th Ave. Substation inspection.
5. 107 5th Ave. Tree removal request, letter dated August 16, 2010.
6. 60 Ridge Rd., North Haledon. Tree top topping request for multiple properties at this location on the Hawthorne, North Haledon border.

Letters to be written with final decisions, still to be done.

Mention only.

B. General Borough planting for Fall 2010 planting. Final inspections and comments. Scanlon & Tode have both completed plantings. Orphan oak tree from Norma Terrace. Other tree "repairs".

Scanlon planting – PS and SS will be doing follow-up on Thursday 11/11/10 to review the planting. Straighten tree at 2nd & Van Winkle as possible. Find location for oak tree currently in storage.

C. Enforcement & follow up activities:

1. Magnatrol Valve, Horton Ave. & 6th Ave. Discussion.

Invite Magnatrol to sponsor Arbor Day in 2011 to make up for Borough trees lost at its plant when their plant upgrade occurred?

2. 48 Lee Ave. Illegal tree removal, state planting. Following payments schedule. *Payments being made.*

3. 113 9th Ave.-Letter dated June 30, 2010. Tree removal request received via DPW. Review performed and resistograph test performed, review pending.
4. 179 4th Ave. Illegal tree pruning incident. Following payments schedule. *Payments made to date.*
5. 18 Barker Ave.-Letter dated August 22, 2010, PSE&G gas line issue.
6. 10 Cornell Avenue-Letter dated August 20, 2010, regarding new sidewalk issue. Waiting on response from Administrator & Borough Engineer.
7. 138 May St.-Illegal root cutting on large, mature maple tree. Hazard tree determination and emergency removal. Summons issued to property owner & contractor. Court date reset for November 18, 2010.

Mention only for all others.

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.

Recommendations on species determined but more may be needed. **Next meeting November 29, 2010.** Tree issues and Borough updated zoning ordinance discussion / decision possibly to be made at this meeting. *PS to attend, offer more information on alternate tree species and discuss issue of buffers in revised ordinances from late 2009.*

E. Public Borough tree work. Update. *Not discussed.*

F. Professional services discussion. Meet Steve Schuckman.

Attended meeting, see comments at the beginning of these notes.

G. Forestry grant for tree inventory update. Paul Cowie & Associates to start inventory shortly, waiting for start date.

Green Communities Grant application for next (3rd) CFMP submitted to NJDEP-Div, of Parks & Forestry. Waiting for results of application in December 2010/January 2011.

Mention only.

H. Sidewalk policy. DS to update handout for the Building Department & the Borough web-site. *Draft prepared by DS for review, comments to follow at next meeting.*

5. New items

A. Enforcement cases. None at this time.

B. Letters from residents. None at this time.

Last minute letter receipts.

- 1. 51 8th Street- Tree removal question, neighbor's property. Site inspection to be performed and response letter written.*
- 2. 416 Lafayette Ave.- Tree removal question due to sidewalk / tree conflict. Site inspection performed in mid-October. Removal denied but continuing sidewalk issue referred to Mayor for reference.*

C. State Cool Cities tree planting project update. Waiting on contractor.

Mention only.

D. 2011 revised proposed meeting schedule. See attachment.

Use revised schedule. Send for publication in December 2010.

E. Anything else?

JW wanted to mention that the tree that Scanlon planted in front of his house was planted very deep and he is not pleased overall with the planting. Scanlon has backed the terms of the contract (i.e., replacing the dead trees) until now, and PS has spoken with Mark Femiano about the potential need to replace more trees in the spring. Femiano is OK with replacing any dead trees in the spring of 2011.

JF requested tree at 154 Mohawk Ave. be reviewed and removed as it is dead. The resident has spoken with JF regarding this matter.

PS motion to close meeting, seconded by DM, unanimous approval to close meeting.