

BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes

January 7, 2013

I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The open public meeting statement was read and the meeting was called to order at 2:45 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Grieder, Raimondi and Mitchell. Also present were Susan K. Greig, secretary and Stacy Lawrence resident of **81 Sheridan Avenue**.

Ms. Lawrence came to sit in on the meeting to "see how things are done", then at the end of the meeting she questioned if the newly planted tree on her property is too close to the water and gas lines. Commissioner Raimondi explained how the tree sites were chosen. Ms. Lawrence left the meeting after she noted that she was selling her home in the near future.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was decided that the positions of the Officers will remain the same. The positions are as follows.

- A. Chair: Franklin J. Grieder
- B. Vice Chair: Chris Raimondi
- C. Secretary: Susan K. Greig

IV. MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes for January 2013 was made, seconded and they voted all in favor.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

A. 514 Braeburn Road-Jack and Joan Craig-Annoyed that they returned home from vacation and they didn't receive input into the two trees planted on their property. Also the two trees being removed should have been taken down first.

Commissioner Mitchell reported the she and John Craig “negotiated down to that he can relocate both trees at his own expense to a location within the right-of-way more suitable to his liking if he does it soon, and uses a legitimate landscape company, fills out a permit and pays the fee.” Kim also noted,” that we would not charge an additional fine on top of that.”

B. 189 Lakewood Avenue- Cindy Lee Nelson Two sick trees that need to be looked at.

Frank Grieder noted the tree on the left could come down but it is not a priority. Commissioner Mitchell will phone the resident. We will remove the tree on the left side of the driveway and prune the other tree that is located on the right. Commissioner Raimondi will add to his list.

189 Lakewood Avenue will be added to the planting list to receive one Zelkova tree.

C. 46 Arbor Drive- Enrico Rodriguez

This will be put on our prune list to rid the tree of the hangers left by hurricane Sandy.

D. 490 Ackerman Avenue- Mr. O’Grady

Commissioner Grieder will call Mr. O’Grady. The trees are marked for removal. A new tree was planted because the spot was available and it was requested to be planted at an earlier date.

E. Budget from Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus

Commissioner Raimondi will make up the request for our budget. We will be making a request in the \$30,000.00 range. \$10,000.00 of it will be regular budget \$20,000.00 will be put in under Capital expenses.

F. Invoice from New Jersey Tree Foundation.

This was Okayed and it will go thru this month’s council meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Pamphlet which could be inserted into the building department packages for people adding additions or building new homes.

Commissioner Mitchell needs to make a paragraph for the front of the pamphlet.

B. Green Community’s Grant 2011

There is nothing new to report at this time.

- C. **New Ordinance**-Who will do fee collection?

We are still waiting on an answer from the mayor.

- D. **2013 (previously 2011) Tree Removals, Pruning & Stump Quote with tree list-Classification.**

The work should be completed next week.

- E. **Bill Comery Tree planting project on Hollywood & Sheridan**

This is complete and can be removed from agenda.

- F. **182 Elmwood Avenue**- New permit-Commissioner Grieder is to check if completed.

This is complete and can be removed from the agenda.

- G. **Downes Tree Service/ Warren Avenue**- Downes to fertilize two hop hornbeams in October. The two year warranty has been extended until spring of 2013.

This is being left on the agenda until spring to see if the trees bud.

- H. **333 Wearimus Road** Joe Scully- New Permit okayed by Commissioner Mitchell.

The contractor is to plant a new tree. He was given permission to remove a tree with the stipulation that another one be planted.

- I. **Downes, emergency tree list.**

These are to go on the week of the 7th Commission Raimondi reported.

- J. **2 Marion Court**-Kathy Hart. Permit Okayed by Commissioner Mitchell.

Commissioner Mitchell will check if this is complete and can be removed form the agenda. If it can she will e-mail Sue to remove.

- K. **Memo to Mayor Randall** about the following addresses from the December meeting, **90 Gilbert Road**- Richard Sloan- 201-652-2244 and **637 Sherwood Road**-Jordan Rosenfield (917-842-0726) the residents were not sent a response letter in December pending the Mayors decision.

We left this on our agenda until the decision about the removal of these trees is made by the Mayor.

- L. **10 Prescott Road-** Mr. Arnold Rosso-e-mail. He wants all trees out he will pay. The Commissioners must look at lot.

We will leave on the agenda until April. The resident has an illness and he may not have been able to come into the borough hall for the permit.

- M. **212 Elmwood Avenue-**Joan Ball- (e-mail) Paul Portsmore promised to replace old scraggly tree with a new tree? Leave on till spring planting.

Sue will ask Jeff Pattman if the DPW can remove the tree. This will be left on our agenda for spring planting once it is removed.

- N. **Chamber of Commerce-**Steven Sagat (e-mail). They want to hang **holiday decorations** on November 18, 2012.

We will leave on until the decorations are off.

- O. **242 Elmwood Avenue-**Mike Chacon 201-410-7743) Split tree needs some attention. Liz to report.

Liz did not come to today's meeting.

- P. **11 Prescott Road-** Anne Brown- She has one half of a stump left on her lawn. She will try to remove it.

Ann Brown has completely removed a town shade tree damaged in the hurricane with a pick axe, including the stump. This can be removed from our agenda.

- Q. **35 Carlton Avenue-**They request two trees be planted. The site will be looked at for possible planting.

Commissioner Mitchell noted this site is requesting two trees. This can be removed from the agenda after the trees are put on the planting list.

A letter will be sent to the resident that the Commission is considering planting the entire street in the near future.

- R. **189 Lakewood Avenue-**Cindy Lee Nelson- We received a letter on 12/3/2012 requesting removal of two trees on either side of her driveway and/or remove one tree and replant with a new tree to lessen their threat of a branch falling.

This was covered earlier in the meeting (item B Correspondence) because we received a second letter. The tree is marked with green paint. This can be removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Mitchell will call her about the tree removal.

- S. **141 N. Franklin Turnpike-** Mary Cronin wants two trees replanted that had to be removed because they fell during hurricane Sandy. It was noted that there is no room for a tree at this site. The Commission had previously planted there and the trees died because of too much shade. Letter will be sent in January after everyone look at this.

VI. NEW BUSINESS-PERMITS

There was no new business or permits this meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4 25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:


Susan K. Greig