

**BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
November 4, 2013**

Minutes

I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The open public meeting statement was read and the meeting was called to order at 2:35 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Grieder, Raimondi, Mitchell, Pavelski and Chase. Also present was Susan Greig, secretary, Bill Comery, Licensed tree expert, and Nina Selbinder and Leslie Dial, residents.

The usual order of business was changed to accommodate the visitors.

Nina Seelbinder, **363 Race Track Road**, came to the meeting and adamantly stated multiple times she did not want a shade tree planted on her front lawn. She stated, " It took me 2 ½ years to get rid of a dead tree that the county needed to remove, why would I want another tree planted so I can have issues at a later date with the Commission and County. I don't need a tree."

The Commissioners took her statement under advisement. Kim Mitchell and Chris Raimondi will revisit her property to view the planting site. She will be notified by letter or phone call.

Mrs. Dial, **61 Carlton Avenue**, came to request that the Commission not plant trees on her property because she would like to plant two 20 foot October Glory Red Maples at homeowner expense. She was told to get a permit at the borough hall. Mrs. Dial must get a permit to plant the two maples but they are acceptable choices. The Commission will plant her trees in another location.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Raimondi to accept the October minutes as read. It was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and they voted all in favor.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. 841 W. Saddle River Road-(FAX)-Damien Wall-Demolition work at his property. He wants trees next fall.**

The trees will not be planted at this site because the demolition could possibly damage the tree. Commissioner Mitchell will find a new home for the tree and she will compose a letter to the resident stating this is a one shot opportunity if you don't take them now we would appreciate the resident planting them when the job is done.

- B. 31 Crescent Place-James J Delia-requesting the removal of dead tree (maple)**

Commissioner Chase will look at this tree.

L. 42 Arbor Drive- Old permit-

Resident applied sometime in the past. Joanne McDonald was told 18 months is the cut off date. If it is older the resident will have to pay again.

Commissioners Raimondi and Chase will drive by.

M. Shade Tree Federation Conference.

Commissioners Raimondi, Pavelski and chase attended this year. They found the meetings very informative.

N. Dumont Ordinance

We will try to obtain a copy of their ordinance. We want to see how they handle removals within the property lines with total take downs of homes etc.

O. Fall Tree Removal List.

Commissioner Raimondi noted that his list is almost completed. The trees being removed have an X at the base. Trees being trimmed have 2 dots at the base if questions should arise.

Commissioner Chase will remove two small dead trees at 508 and 513 Warren Avenues. If he can't remove them he will contact Sue to ask Jeff Pattman, Superintendent of Roads.

P. Hazardous tree identification class is beginning in February.

Two representatives from the Commissioners are to go, the funds will come out of the 2014 Budget.

Q. 24 Linden Road- Deborah Privitera-Dead tree between 24 and 28 Linden.

A letter will be mailed noting the tree is on the removal list. This can be removed from the agenda.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/ PERMITS

A. A permit was signed by the Commission. The fee waived for Jeff Pattman as part of the downtown decorating committee.

B. Lloyd Road School

A memo will be sent to the school reminding them about the town ordinance pertaining to tree removal of trees, especially heritage trees.

dispersed he can give her the check number. Then we can check if it went into the general funds account in error.

- C. New Ordinance-** Memo to the Mayor-Who will do fee collection?

No answer, leave on agenda.

- D. 339 Wearimus Road** -Permit issued by C. Mitchell. Anticipate early spring finish.

This is on hold till spring 2014.

- E. 45 Ardmore Road-** Scott & Susan Kelly-201-444-4846- Two trees removed.

This is on hold till spring of 2014.

- F. 242 Elmwood Avenue-**Mike Chacon- 201-410-7743-Split tree needs removing in Sept. This will be left on the agenda till removed. The resident requested an American Hornbeam be planted to replace this tree.

This is on our removal list. It can now be removed from the agenda.

- G. Master plan updates**

This is finished. We can remove from our agenda.

- H. 234 Elmwood Avenue-**Mr. Steve Ryan has three locust trees; one on his strip and two across the street that need trimming. We may want to put the tree on the removal list.

This can be removed from the agenda. They are on our list.

- I. 25 Lloyd Road-** Mr. and Mrs. John Ferraioli-PSE&G trimmed tree.

This is now on our removal list. It can be removed from the agenda.

- J. 547/599 East Gate Road-**Peter Sorabella. One evergreen & one deciduous tree both diseased and pose a threat to the sewer pump station.

This is on our list for removal this can be removed from the agenda.

- K. Tree Planting-** Bill Comery

Bill was present when the new trees were delivered. He is rejecting 13 trees because the leaves begin to low to the root ball. He also noted that many of the trees are significantly larger than the 2 to 2 ½ in caliper that we ordered. We may have to pay more to have the trees installed because of the large root balls. The planting is scheduled to begin on Wednesday November 13, 2013.

Bill Comery also noted the town is responsible for the trees on County Roads if the County doesn't remove them.