

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

Minutes

February 4, 2013

I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The public meeting statement was read and the meeting was called to order at 2:40 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Grieder, Raimondi and Mitchell. Also present was Sue Greig, secretary.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the January minutes as read. It was seconded and they voted all in favor.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. 32 Prescott-Steve Jeselson.** Resident would like a replacement tree.

He will get a letter noting that we are adding him to our planting list. This can be removed from the agenda.

- B. 515 Blauvelt Avenue-Mr. Smith** was angry his tree was removed. He also wanted to know what he should do about the curving sidewalk that goes around a tree that is no longer there.

Commissioner Mitchell will go and speak to Mr. Smith. Note: Sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain or change.

- C. 45 Ardmore Road-Scott & Susan Kelly-**

Commissioner Raimondi will visit the homeowner to discuss the possible removal of the two trees on their property. (One growing into a retaining wall and the dead tree to the right of the driveway).

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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

This is on hold.

B. Green Community's Grant 2011

There is nothing new to report at this time.

C. New Ordinance-Who will do fee collection?

Commissioner Raimondi reported that the topic came up at the budget meeting; but there is nothing new to report.

D. 2013 Tree Removals, Pruning & Stump Quote with tree list-Classification.

All of the trees are down. There are just stumps to be removed.

E. Downes Tree Service/ Warren Avenue- Downes to fertilize two hop hornbeams in October. The two year warranty has been extended. This is being left on the agenda until spring to see if the trees bud.

This is on hold until the spring.

F. 333 Wearimus Road Joe Scully- New Permit Okayed by Commissioner Mitchell. The contractor is to plant a new tree.

This is on hold until the spring when the contractor is to plant the new tree.

G. Downes, emergency tree list.

This is almost completed.

H. 2 Marion Court-Kathy Hart. Permit Okayed by Commissioner Mitchell. Commissioner Mitchell will check if this is complete.

Commissioner Mitchell noted that this is now completed and item can be removed from our agenda.

I. 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.

No action has been reported to this commission.

J. 10 Prescott Road- Mr. Arnold Rosso-e-mail. He wants all trees out he will pay. 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.

The resident is ill this is on hold.

- K. 212 Elmwood Avenue**-Joan Ball- (e-mail) Possible removal by DPW
Leave on till spring planting.

The tree removal has been completed by the DPW; the address will be added to the planting list for spring.

- L. 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.

The decorations have been removed. Remove this item from the agenda.

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

Since Liz did not return to report her findings Commissioner Raimondi will go and speak to the resident.

- N. 141 N. Franklin Turnpike**- Mary Cronin wants two trees replanted. The Commission had previously planted there and the trees died because of too much shade. A Commissioner will speak to her or a letter will be sent in February after everyone has looked at this.

Frank will compose a letter to the resident and e-mail it to Sue to be put on Shade tree letterhead and mailed.

- O. 514 Braeburn Road**-Jack and Joan Craig- Waiting for removal from 2011 list. Also resident may take out permit to move the newly planted trees.

This is complete and can be removed from our agenda.

- P. 189 Lakewood Avenue**- Cindy Lee Nelson-She has one tree to be removed one to be prune from 2011 list.

This is complete and can be removed from our agenda.

- Q. 46 Arbor Drive**- **Enrico Rodriguez**-This was put on our prune list

This is complete and can be removed from our agenda.

- R. 490 Ackerman Avenue**- **Mr. O'Grady**- On our removal list.

This is complete and can be removed from our agenda.

S. Budget from Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus

Sue Greig gave Commissioner Raimondi a \$3,000.00 bill from DTS Services. The bill came from recycling tree material from Hurricane Sandy. Commissioner Raimondi will give the bill to John Hanlon.

T. Invoice from New Jersey Tree Foundation.

This can be removed from the agenda; the invoice is paid.

U. 151 Sheridan Ave- DPW did measurement for Frank Grieder. All but possibly one are on the resident's property.

Commissioner Grieder is waiting for a price from Downe's Tree Service. This is on hold until the next meeting.

V. 34 Linden Road- Dr. and Mrs Schulsinger.

The removal of the tree is denied at this time since the tree is not a hazard at this time as per Commissioner Raimondi via e-mail to Sue after a phone call from Mrs. Schulsinger asking what the outcome of her letter was. This can be removed from the agenda.

VI. NEW BUSINESS-PERMITS

There was no new business to report at this meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by:



Susan Kievit Greig