

**BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 6, 2013**

Minutes

I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Chris Raimondi and Kim Mitchell. Chairman Grieder was absent. Also present was Susan K. Greig, secretary, Patrick Pavelski and Mr. Latham both residents of the borough.

The usual order of the meeting was dispensed with to accommodate the residents.

Patrick Pavelski of **661 Sherwood Road** noted he has an interest to join the Shade Tree Commission but he doesn't have a background working with trees. His background was in Human Resources. After speaking to Mr. Pavelski briefly and explaining how the Shade Tree Commission works. Commissioner Raimondi told Mr. Pavelski that to join he would have to take courses in the fall in Cherry Hill to obtain credits to be a member. The courses take two days. We will notify him later in the year with the information about the courses and after discussing his joining with Chairman Grieder who was not in attendance. This will be kept on the agenda as a reminder to mail him the information. Also we will add this address to our planting list for a new tree; possibly a zelkova or maple.

Mr. James Latham of **835 Hollywood Avenue** came to discuss two town trees that had fallen into his backyard from the town right of way along the overpass near Route 17. Commissioner Mitchell inspected the downed trees and we will ask Jeff Pattman, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works if he can remove the trees. If not they will be added to the January removal list.

Note: The trees were removed from Mr. Latham's property by the DPW and moved to town property. They will be removed at a later date. (The DPW was short handed when the trees were moved) This will not be put on the agenda in June.

III. MINUTES

A motion to accept the April 2013 minutes was made. It was seconded and they voted all in favor.

There was no new information forthcoming as of today's meeting.

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

No status change.

- D. **2013 Tree Removals, Pruning, & stump quote with tree list Classifications**

Items D and G have been combined and are the same item. (See item G)

- E. **Downes Tree Service/Warren Avenue-**This will be left on until the trees bud.

This can be removed from the agenda the trees appear to be fine.

- F. **333 Wearimus Road-** Joe Scully-New permit issued by Commissioner Mitchell.

Work is still in progress at the home. The new tree has not been planted yet. Keep on the agenda.

- G. **Downes, emergency list from storm.**

There are seven items still to be addressed; Two new items and 2 quotes for things not on the original list. They are all stumps except for one hanger.

Commissioner Raimondi reported at this time that there is a dead tree very close to the parking lot on the police side of the Municipal complex that needs to be removed. Borough Administrator Don Cirulli reported this tree to Commissioner Raimondi. Commissioner Grieder noted on May 6th but after the meeting to Jeff Pattman, Superintendent of the DPW that he believes the tree is not dead and is a late bloomer. The tree will be addressed again at the next meeting.

- H. **242 Elmwood Avenue-**Mike Chacon- 201-410-7743-Split tree needs attention

Commissioner Raimondi to check if this still needs attention.

- I. **141 N. Franklin Tpke.** Mary Cronin wants two trees replanted. Trees were planted at this site in the past but they died because the corner has too much shade.

This can be removed from the agenda. There is too much shade on this corner for more tree plantings.

J. Budget

The budget is complete and can be removed from the agenda.

- K. 515 Blauvelt Avenue**-Mr. Smith- Sidewalk homeowner must repair. We will plant two red maples

This can be removed from the agenda. The sidewalk that curved around his tree can be left in place curved or straightened by replacing the concrete. This is the homeowner's responsibility.

- L. 45 Ardmore Road**- Scott & Susan Kelly-201-444-4846- Two trees removed. We are waiting for new tree(s) to be planted.

This item is pending.

- M. 11 Spruce Place**-**Mr. Song** (Contractor Dickinson Tree Service) Commissioner Mitchell reviewed the property and Okayed the work. This will be left on the agenda until the work is completed.

This item is complete and can be removed from the agenda.

- N. 135 Ackerman Avenue**-Joan Carnevale-When will the three trees on Ackerman be replaced that came down during Hurricane Sandy?

This can be removed from the agenda they are on the list for planting. The resident can go ahead and repair the lawn.

- O. Arbor Day-June 3, 2013**- Kousa Dogwood to be planted in park by Ho-Ho-Kus Inn.

Note: DPW can remove dead tree in the park. The Mayor and Council will be sent a memo and the clerk will be notified to place the ad announcing the ceremony in the paper. Commissioner Raimondi will need some help from the DPW to dig the hole.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/ PERMITS

- A. 947 Washington Avenue- Dangerous walking condition.**

There is a line of sight issue for people walking with their families or dogs at this address. The residents are complaining that cars coming around the bend cannot see them. The junipers in the public right- of -way are over grown and should be trimmed. A memo will be sent to Dan McEldowney, Zoning officer.

- B. Downes Tree Quote for the West Road.**

Commissioner Raimondi had \$800.00 worth of bills to discuss with Commissioner Grieder to pay for emergency hanger removals on Warren Ave.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Kermit Greig