

**BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
August 5, 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, Pavelski, and Chase. Commissioner Mitchell was absent. Also present was Susan Greig, recording secretary.

Dispensing with the usual order of business Commissioner Grieder welcomed the newly appointed Commissioner Daniel Chase.

III. MINUTES

The July minutes were approved and they voted all in favor to accept the minutes as read.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. 219 Hollywood Avenue**-Glenn Schuck reported a Norway maple needs to be removed.

Commissioner Raimondi inspected this tree. The Commissioner is adding it to the fall removal list. This is not an emergency.

- B. 413 Ardmore Road**-Claire L. Dunier. Resident is requesting a shade tree be planted on her property.

A letter will be sent noting her request. She will be added to the planting list.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pamphlet** to insert into business department packages for people adding additions or building new homes within the borough.

No action at this time.

- B. Green Community's Grant 2011**

No action at this time.

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

We have not heard from the Mayor.

At this time Mr. Steve Diamond working for Wade Landscaping (201-207-3633) joined the meeting to discuss a property at **227 First Street**, Dr. Mechanics property. He noted that there was a large oak tree interfering with the sidewalk in front of the address and he wanted to know how to proceed. Mr. Diamond was told to get a permit and the Commissions will look at the property after the meeting.

- D. 339 Wearimus Road** -New permit issued by Commissioner Mitchell.

Construction looks complete. Reminder to plant letter will be sent.

- E. 242 Elmwood Avenue**-Mike Chacon- 201-410-7743-Split tree needs removing in Sept.

This will be left on the agenda till removed.

- F. 45 Ardmore Road**- Scott & Susan Kelly-201-444-4846- Two trees removed. We are waiting for new tree(s) to be planted. August 1, 2013.

There is no action at this time.

- G. Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) 2013 Grant**
Todd Wyckoff, Regional Forrester mailed us a notice on March 28, 2013.

No action.

- H. 50 Ardmore Road**- Melissa Dyki requested a shade tree be planted on her property (Commissioner Mitchell to look at the property)

No action, waiting for Commissioner Mitchell.

- I. 8 Wanamaker Ave, Mahwah, N.J. 07430**- Team lightning Bolts. The team is focusing on natural disasters and requested our town Hurricane tree loss information. (Commissioner Raimondi to letter them)

It was decided not to return the questionnaire; the Commission will only focus its time on in house situations. This will be removed from the agenda.

- J. 116 Elmwood Ave**-Rick Wolcoxen- Resident has a tree with large roots lifting up his sidewalk. A memo will be sent to Don Cirulli that sidewalk repair falls to the homeowner who needs to obtain a permit to chop the tree root. Note: Sue sent the resident a letter advising the same.

Leave on agenda for one more month because Borough Administrator may wish to comment.

- K. Tree in front of the florist shop**-DPW removed the tree. We will replant in the fall.

The sprinklers will be shut off shortly. They will be checked early next spring by the start up crew to make sure all zones are working (as per Jeff Pattman).

- L. 149 Blauvelt Avenue-** David Rodger has a stump that needs to be ground. Commissioner Raimondi will investigate and report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Raimondi measured the stump. It is beyond the 10 foot right-of-way and the stump removal falls to the homeowner. The tree may have originally been removed by the town but this would have been done as a service to clear the roadway when a tree falls during a storm.

This can be removed from the agenda.

- M. 43 Fair Lawn Street-**Kristine Pfeiffer-DiNardo-Can we cut one tree limb? Commissioner Grieder will inspect.

A letter will be written to the resident that tree branch removal request is denied. Dogwood can live in lower light and the removal of the branch will change the character of the tree.

- N. Master plan updates**

Updates are being done by John Hanlon. We need to have him add the new ordinance 997.

- O. Downe's to finish**

1. Storm damaged trees & hangers
2. 323 Hollywood Ave-stump
3. Arbor Drive -stump
4. 325 Racetrack Rd-hanger

Chairman Grieder noted this is complete and can be removed from agenda.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/ PERMITS

There was no new business to report at this meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by:



Susan Kievit Greig