

**BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
September 9, 2013**

Minutes

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, Mitchell, Pavelski, and Chase. Also attending the meeting was Susan K. Greig, secretary, Bill Comery, independent tree expert, and Steve Ryan of **234 Elmwood Avenue**.

The meeting was suspended to accommodate Mr. Ryan and Mr. Comery. Mr. Comery had come to speak to the Commissioners about purchasing and planting new trees within the borough using some of the Ross Trust Fund which has \$32,000.00 in it. A motion was made by Commissioner Grieder to accept the proposal submitted by Mr. Comery in the amount of \$2,470.00 for the investigation of and species determination for planting 100 +/- new trees within the borough. It was seconded and they voted all in favor.

It was decided that Mr. Comery would canvass the streets with two Commissioners; tentatively Kim Mitchell and Pat Pavelski for planting sites, caliper and type of tree.

Mr. Steve Ryan came to the meeting to mention three locust trees; one on his strip and two across the street that need a branch or two trimmed by PSE&G. Sue gave Mr. Ryan the Public Service 1-800-436-7734 number to call at the meeting. She will follow up with a phone call after the Commissioners look at the trees to see if they concur with Mr. Ryan's assessment. We may want to put the tree on the removal list.

III. MINUTES

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. 25 Lloyd Road- Mr. and Mrs. John Ferraioli-PSE&G to be contacted.**

Note: Bill Briscoe phoned the DPW on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 and relayed the following to Sue Greig. He said, "I will be sending a crew in two days to trim two branches in the pine tree away from the PSE&G wires. There are two other branches in the tree that are on wires. We will not be trimming these; one belongs to the phone company and one belongs to the cable company. The residents will have to notify these two companies for tree trimming." A letter will be sent to the residents after the October 4, 2013 meeting informing them of this. The DPW does not have contact numbers for ATT or cablevision.

- B. 71 Lakewood Avenue**-Karen D. Pulgrano-Needs pruning and is entangled in the wires. Advise them in writing how this is to be rectified.

A letter will be sent to the homeowner with the 1-800-436-7734 phone number after the top of the tree is assessed. The tree may need to be trimmed or removed this fall. Sue will send a letter after the October meeting.

- C. 101 North Franklin Turnpike**-Scott Johnson -Needs the lower branches cut so people can walk underneath tow town trees on the front of his property.

The two trees will have lower branches trimmed list for this fall. A letter will be sent to the resident.

- D. 547 Eastgate Road**- Philip Sorabella- Two large trees near the lot line at 547 Eastgate Road need attention. Both appear dead or seriously diseased. Pose a threat to the sewer pump station.

Commissioner Mitchell will investigate and report at the October meeting.

- E. 641 Sherwood Road**- Daniel and Suzanne Chase- A tree with heavy ant infestation needs to be looked at for removal. A new tree is requested if the removal is done.

The tree will be added to the fall removal list and the address will be added to Bill Comery's list for planting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

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

No action.

- B. Green Community's Grant 2011**

Kim Mitchell will call Alex McCarthy after Bill Comery phones with the phone number.

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

The Commissioners need to speak to the Mayor about inspection fees.
Example: See item N below.

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

The project is not finished.

- E. 242 Elmwood Avenue**-Mike Chacon- 201-410-7743-Split tree needs removing in Sept. This will be left on the agenda till removed.

No action needed.

- 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.

The project is not finished.

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

This can be removed from the agenda. We did not get the grant.

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

The property can handle a tree or two and it will be added to the tree planting site list. A letter will be sent to the resident.

- 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)

This should have been removed from the agenda last month. It will be removed.

- 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. Leave on agenda until Sept.for because Borough Administrator may wish to comment.

This can now be removed from the agenda.

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

This can be removed from the agenda.

- L. **43 Fair Lawn Street-**Kristine Pfeiffer-DiNardo-Can we cut one tree limb? Commissioner Grieder will inspect. Denial letter mailed Sept. 6, 2013

This can be removed from the agenda.

- M. **Master plan updates**

John Hanlon is working on this toward completion

- N. **227 First Street,** Dr. Mechanics property. It was reported that a large oak tree is interfering with the sidewalk. Mr. Steve Diamond working for Wade Landscaping will get a permit. (201-207-3633)

A motion was made by Commissioner Raimondi to pay the bill for **227 First Street**. Bill Comery was asked to assist contractor Wade Duthie with root cutting for sidewalk repair of a 19 ½ caliper Pin Oak. A contoured sidewalk around the tree was constructed. No permit was required and there was minor root cutting done on tree. This can be removed from the agenda.

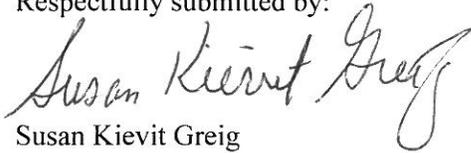
VI. NEW BUSINESS/ PERMITS

There was no new business to report during the month of September.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:


Susan Kievit Greig