

BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
APRIL 1, 2013

Minutes

**I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

The meeting was called to order and the open public meeting statement was read at 2:38 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to accept the February minutes was made. It was seconded and they voted all in favor. There was no meeting held in March due to unforeseen circumstances.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. 11 Spruce Place-Mr. Song** (Contractor Dickinson Tree Service) phone call from JoAnne McDonald asking Sue Greig if the permit was Okayed and the contractor could continue his work. Sue Greig asked JoAnne to contact Kim Mitchell. Commissioner Mitchell reviewed the property and Okayed the work. This will be left on the agenda until the work is completed.

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

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

No progress at this time.

**B. Green Community's Grant 2011**

No action as reported by Commissioner Mitchell. Perhaps JoAnne McDonald can write a letter to them and note we never received any notification.

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

There is still no answer from Mayor and/or Council liaison.

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

The Commissioners reported that some stumps are left. The project should be finished by the next meeting.

**E. Downes Tree Service/Warren Avenue**

This will be left on until the trees bud.

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

Commissioner Mitchell reported that the tree is not planted yet.

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

Just the stumps are left to be ground.

**H. Memo to Mayor Randall** about the following addresses from the December meeting, 90 Gilbert Road-Richard Sloan, and 637 Sherwood Road- Jordan Rosenfield. The residents were not sent a response letter in December from the Shade Tree Commission pending the Mayor's decision.

This will be removed from the agenda since there was not further action and we received no communications from Mayor Randall.

**I. 10 Prescott Road – Mr. Arnold Rosso** wants all of his trees out.

This will be removed from our agenda since the resident is sick and we have had not further communication from him for 3 months.

**J. 212 Elmwood Avenue-Joan Ball-** needs tree removed by DPW

This can be removed from our agenda it has been removed.

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

Commissioner Mitchell and Raimondi will look at this after the meeting.

- L. 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.

Commissioner Grieder will speak to the resident.

- M. How much will budget be from Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus**

This is on hold pending answer.

- N. 151 Sheridan Avenue-DPW** did a measurement for Commissioner Grieder

This can be removed from the agenda; all but one is the homeowner's tree.

- O. 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 planted there.

The sidewalk can remain as is or the resident can have it changed to a straight one. We will plant two red maples.

- P. 45 Ardmore Road-** Scott & Susan Kelly-201-444-4846- Two trees concerning the residents. One by a retaining wall and one to the right of the driveway that looks dead.

Commission Mitchell noted that they took out a permit. The old dead trees are gone but they still need to replant.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS/ PERMITS**

- A. Arbor Day**

Arbor Day is tentatively set for May 6, 2013 at 3:30 P.M. A Kousa Dogwood Tree will be planted.

- B. Ho-Ho-Kus Inn**

Gordon Hamm will get a letter about taking the Christmas lights out of the trees.

Note: Sue was called by Commissioner Raimondi and told to disregard the previous instruction.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Kievit Greig